



## Cape Cod National Seashore - Celebrating 50 Years

### VISITOR CENTERS:

CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE HAS TWO VISITOR CENTERS: SALT Pond in Eastham and Province Lands in Provincetown. Both centers have staff to assist visitors with orientation and trip planning, and stores featuring books, maps, puzzles, games, and other interpretive items provided by the park's education partner, Eastern National. ♿

**Salt Pond Visitor Center:** open daily from 9 AM to 4:30 PM (later during the summer). This visitor center offers magnificent views of Salt Pond, Nauset Marsh, and the Atlantic; an outstanding museum; and hourly films in the theater. New exhibits on the Outer Cape's location in the Gulf of Maine ecosystem, and Wampanoag culture and history were installed this winter. Restrooms are available in the parking area. The Nauset Marsh and Buttonbush trails and the Nauset Bicycle Trail are nearby. Location: off Route 6, Eastham. Telephone: 508-255-3421.

**Province Lands Visitor Center:** open daily from 9 AM to 5 PM, May through October. Just two miles from the tip of the Cape, this center features an observation deck with 360-degree views; a small exhibit area; showings of park orientation films every half hour (9-4). Whales are often viewable from here. Restrooms are available in the parking area. The Province Lands Bike Trail and Race Point Beach are nearby. Location: off Race Point Road, Provincetown. Telephone: 508-487-1256.

### WALKING AND HIKING SELF-GUIDING TRAILS

THERE ARE TWELVE SELF-GUIDING TRAILS AT THE SEASHORE THAT ARE open year round: in Eastham - the Fort Hill, Red Maple Swamp, Buttonbush, Nauset Marsh, and Doane trails; in Wellfleet - the Atlantic White Cedar Swamp and Great Island trails; in Truro - Pamet Area Bearberry Hill Overlook, Small's Swamp, Highlands Woods Walk, and Pilgrim Spring trails; and in Provincetown - the Beech Forest Trail. Interpretive folders with information on natural and historic features are available at some trailheads. Trailside plant identification markers are referenced in the *Common Trailside Plants* guidebook on sale at visitor center bookstores.



Cape Cod National Seashore's 50th anniversary celebration is underway! Special interpretive and guest programs are scheduled throughout the year. The seashore's education partner, Eastern National, has developed commemorative items available at park bookstores featuring the official logo designed by Eastham's Joe Fish. A 2010 graduate of Nauset Regional High School, Fish's logo was selected from a field of 15 submissions by local art students.

### Superintendent's Message Happy Birthday!

This year we're celebrating 50 years since President John F. Kennedy signed the federal legislation establishing Cape Cod National Seashore. This anniversary year is a perfect time to reflect on the significance of the creation of the national seashore and consider how we will protect it in decades to come.

National parks have been called "America's Best Idea." We can all be thankful to the early supporters who worked for years to develop a formula which would be supported by the towns for the protection of the 44,000 acres within the park boundary—places like the Great Beach, and natural, scenic, scientific, recreational, and cultural resources which represent the Cape Cod character. This was their gift to the American people—the gift that keeps on giving for generations to come.

On the national scene, conservationists in the 1930s observed development of other expanses of the eastern seacoast from Miami Beach to the New Jersey shore and the north shore of Massachusetts. They saw how these communities chose to allow intense commercial development and privatization of the coastline. This led to a movement to preserve and protect some of the undeveloped coastlines in the United States and resulted in the creation of national seashores from New York to Texas.

Locally, people in the Outer/Lower Cape communities had a glimpse of the future as they realized that increased tourism after World War II would dramatically impact the Outer Cape and lead to the commercial development they saw elsewhere. This led to the creation of a new model for a national park unit—private property purchased

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**Race Point Ranger Station**  
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**Oversand Office at Race Point Ranger Station**  
**Route Information:** 508-487-2100 ext. 0926 (April 15 through November 15)  
**Permit Information:** 508-487-2100 ext. 0927  
**Nauset Ranger Station**  
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**North Atlantic Coastal Lab**  
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**Emergencies:** 9 - 1 - 1

On the cover: President John F. Kennedy signs the Cape Cod National enabling legislation on August 7, 1961. Pictured L to R: Cong. Thomas J. Lane (MA), Cong. J. Bradford Morse (MA), Cong. Hastings Keith (MA), Cong. Silvio O. Conte (MA), Sen. Frank E. Moss (UT), Cong. Thomas P. O’Neill, Jr. (MA), Sen. Benjamin A. Smith II (MA), Cong. John P. Saylor (PA), Sen. Ernest Gruening (AK), Cong. Philip J. Philbin (MA), Cong. J. T. Rutherford (TX), Cong. Harold D. Donahue (MA), Sen. Gordon Allott (CO), Cong. James A. Burke (MA), Cong. Wayne N. Aspinall (CO), Under Secretary James K. Carr (Department of the Interior)

# Visitor Services

CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE’S 40 MILES OF PRISTINE OCEAN BEACH AND 44,000 ACRES MAKE IT a premier destination for exploring natural and cultural features and enjoying recreational activities.

**BIKING**  
THERE ARE THREE BICYCLE TRAILS UNDER THE care and maintenance of Cape Cod National Seashore: Nauset Trail in Eastham\* (1.6 miles), Head of the Meadow Trail in Truro (2 miles), and the Province Lands Trail in Provincetown (loop trail 5.45 miles). Massachusetts state law requires children 16 and younger to wear protective helmets when operating a bicycle or riding as a passenger. It is advisable that all riders, regardless of age, wear protective headgear to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

**CAMPING**  
THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DOES NOT OPERATE a campground at Cape Cod National Seashore. Camping is available at private and state-operated facilities (see page 20). Overnight camping and parking within Cape Cod National Seashore are prohibited.

**PETS**  
CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE REQUIRES THAT pets be controlled by a leash at all times. Specific areas where pets are prohibited, such as ponds, shorebird nesting areas, and lifeguard-protected beaches, are posted. Ask at seashore visitor centers or ranger stations about restrictions.

**ACCESSIBILITY**  
PARK TRAILS AT DOANE ROCK IN EASTHAM AND the Marconi Station Site in Wellfleet have been surfaced to accommodate wheelchairs. Large print versions of official park publications and the Buttonbush Trail are available for people with impaired vision. Park films have captions and audio descriptions. Coast Guard and Herring Cove beaches provide accessible parking, restrooms, changing facilities, and beach wheelchairs. Herring Cove Beach features showers that accommodate wheelchairs.

**CAMPFIRE PERMITS**  
A LIMITED NUMBER OF CAMPFIRE PERMITS PER day, per seashore beach, may be reserved up to three days in advance in person, or by phone reservation. Locations are: Salt Pond Visitor Center for Coast Guard, Nauset Light, and Marconi beaches, or Province Lands Visitor Center for Head of the Meadow, Race Point, and Herring Cove beaches. Fire permits for the Oversand Route are issued through the Oversand Station at Race Point. Permits are free, and must be picked up at the reserving visitor center prior to 3:30 PM the day of the fire. Demand often exceeds the number of permits available. *(See chart below for day of reservation for day of fire.)*

<b>How to Reserve a Fire Permit:</b>	<b>Reserve on:</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
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## Superintendent’s Message *continued*

by the federal government for inclusion into a seashore boundary; some areas and uses within the boundary managed by the towns (such as Orleans/Chatham beaches and residential seashore districts elsewhere); and the creation of an Advisory Commission to provide input to the National Park Service on policy and national seashore development.


Many of the hopes of the Cape Cod National Seashore founders have been realized. The Great Beach, the dunes, cultural landscapes, historic structures, habitats, and wildlife have been protected. The national seashore has welcomed millions of visitors for recreation and has become a special place that families and friends return to again and again. The charm, natural beauty, and Cape Cod character that community supporters, the National Park Service, and legislative aides sought to preserve in the 1950s have largely been maintained.

Community members and National Park Service staff have had strong differences over the years, and we continue to face real challenges while protecting resources and serving the public, whether they be visitors or national seashore neighbors.

As we look to the future, we must continue to keep citizens involved. Issues, such as development and demographic changes must be faced from a place of common understanding. But during this celebration year concerns of budgets and disagreements on management issues can be tempered by the voices of thousands of visitors and neighbors who say, “Imagine what it could have been... am I glad the national seashore is here!”

George E. Price, Jr.  
Superintendent

## TECHNOLOGY-BASED PROGRAMS AT CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE



**Dial and Discover.**

Cell phone tour stops are located throughout the seashore. Look for the green and brown “Dial and Discover Seashore Stories” signs at Salt Pond, Coast Guard Beach, Fort Hill, Province Lands Visitor Center, and the Marconi Site. Cell phone tour scripts are available at visitor centers for persons with hearing impairments.

The Fort Hill Quest is a GPS-based information scavenger hunt of the Fort Hill area in Eastham. Download the coordinates and clue booklet from the seashore website: [www.nps.gov/caco/planyourvisit/outdooractivities.htm](http://www.nps.gov/caco/planyourvisit/outdooractivities.htm), or pick up a free copy at Salt Pond Visitor Center in Eastham.

# Beach Activities and Fees

CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE MANAGES SIX OCEAN BEACHES IN FOUR TOWNS: EASTHAM (COAST GUARD AND NAUSET LIGHT BEACHES), WELLFLEET (MARCONI BEACH), TRURO (HEAD OF THE MEADOW Beach), and Provincetown (Race Point and Herring Cove beaches). All national seashore beaches include the following facilities and services: showers, paved parking, restrooms, changing rooms, drinking water, water quality testing, and lifeguards (late June through Labor Day). Two beaches, Coast Guard in Eastham and Herring Cove in Provincetown, are accessible to persons with disabilities and have wheelchairs capable of traveling over sand.

**Beach entrance fees are charged. Rates for the 2010 season are:**

Daily Vehicle	\$15.00
Cape Cod National Seashore Season Pass	\$45.00
Interagency Pass (accepted at any National Park area and other Department of Interior Sites) *	\$80.00
Interagency Senior Pass (allows entry for those age 62 or older, U.S. citizen, permanent resident) *	\$10.00
Interagency Access Pass (allows entry for those legally blind or permanently disabled) *	FREE

\* Photo ID required for pass usage.

Fees are collected daily from late June through Labor Day at all six seashore beaches. Fees are also collected on weekends and holidays from Memorial Day to late June and after Labor Day through the end of September at Herring Cove, Race Point, Nauset Light, and Coast Guard beaches.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS:

- Do not disturb natural or cultural features; all are protected by federal law.
- Glass containers, flotation devices (rafts, rubber tubes), snorkels, and masks are prohibited on lifeguard-protected beaches.
- Pets must be controlled by a leash at all times. Leashes may not exceed six feet. Pets are not permitted in public buildings, picnic areas, on lifeguard-protected beaches, on trams, or on designated nature trails.
- Public nudity is prohibited.
- State licenses are required for saltwater and freshwater fishing.
- Town licenses for shellfishing are required. Regulations and fees vary by town.
- Surfing and windsurfing are permitted in waters outside lifeguard-protected areas.
- Possession or use of metal detectors is prohibited.

## BEACH PARKING LOT CAPACITIES AND TRENDS:

**Coast Guard Beach/Little Creek Tram, Eastham:** Tram parking area rarely fills; moderate turnover. Beach access via Little Creek tram and parking area, a half-mile away. Drop off and pick up of passengers and belongings at the beach are *PROHIBITED*. Limited handicapped parking (state-issued plate or placard required) at the Coast Guard Station parking area.

**Nauset Light Beach, Eastham:** Public parking area fills by 10 AM daily during the summer; minimal turnover. Drop off and pick up of passengers and belongings at the beach are *PROHIBITED*.

**Marconi Beach, Wellfleet:** Parking area rarely fills during late June and July. Parking area fills occasionally in August; moderate turnover.

**Head of the Meadow, Truro:** Parking area rarely fills.

**Race Point, Provincetown:** Parking area rarely fills during June and July. When the parking area does fill, it is usually one to two hours after Herring Cove fills. Access is also available on *The Shuttle*.

**Herring Cove, Provincetown:** Parking area rarely fills during June and July. Parking area fills occasionally in August; moderate turnover after 1 PM. Access is also available on *The Shuttle*. Seasonal snack bar.

- Permits are required for all beach fires. They may be obtained on a first-come, first-served basis at Salt Pond Visitor Center in Eastham, the Province Lands Visitor Center in Provincetown, and the Oversand Station at Race Point. Do not bury coals.
- Sand collapses easily. Climbing steep slopes or digging deep holes above knee level is hazardous and prohibited.

## OVERSAND PERMITS

Permits for driving on seashore oversand routes are required and available for purchase at Race Point in Provincetown. Bird nesting activity may require some route closures during the spring and summer. Call 508-487-2100 ext. 0927 for permit and general information (April 15 through November 15). Call 508-487-2100 ext. 0926 for route closure information.



Rules of the Road

MOTORIST WARNING

Wear your seat belt. It's the LAW. Massachusetts state law provides pedestrians the right of way in a cross-walk. Be aware of pedestrians, bicyclists, and other park users, and share the road.

Visitor Safety

BE SAFE! OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS:

♦ Bicycle Safety

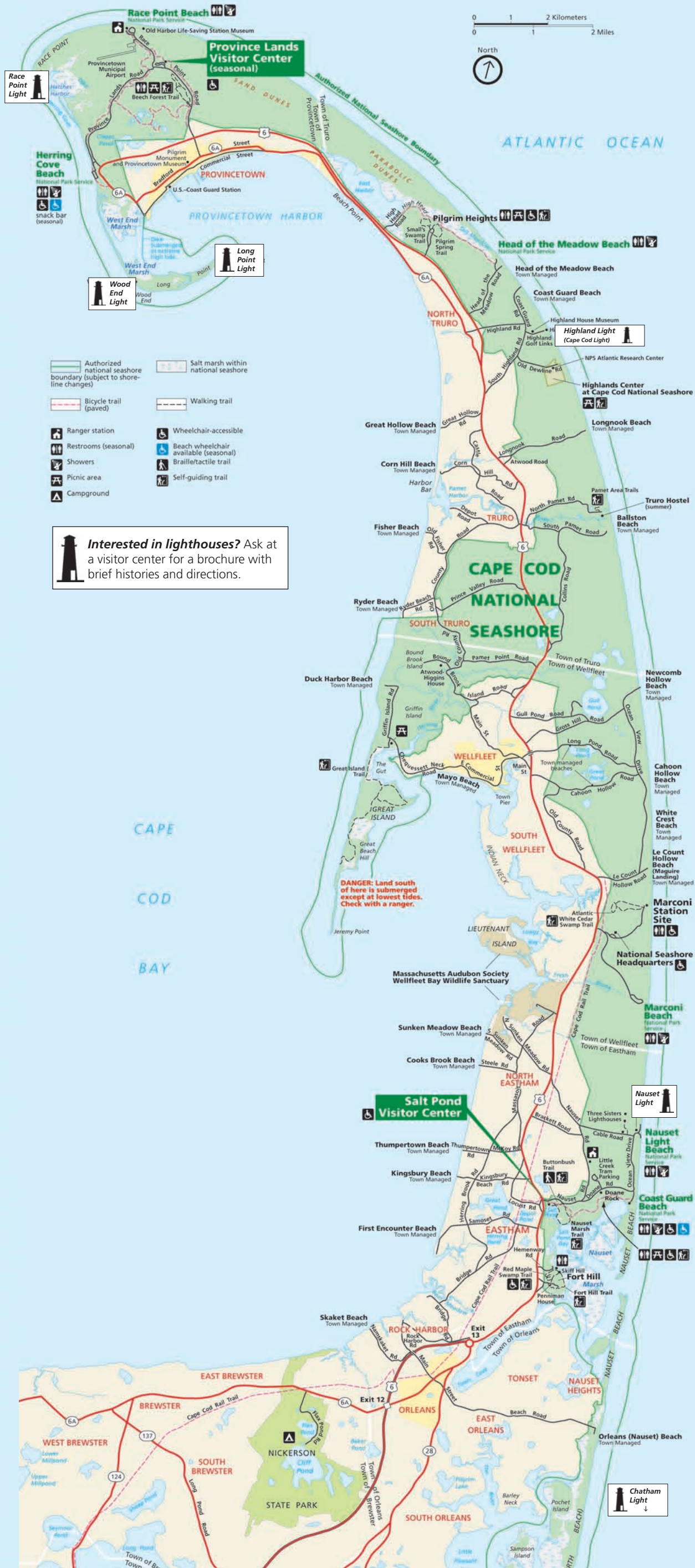
- Bicycle accidents injure more people each year at the seashore than all other activities combined. Please stay alert and ride safely.
- **BIKE SAFETY STARTS WITH HELMETS.** Regardless of age, all riders are urged to wear protective headgear. Massachusetts state law requires children 16 and younger to wear protective helmets when on a bicycle, even if only a passenger.
  - Take time to fit your helmet properly – snug and level on your head.
  - Test ride your bike to check brakes, seat and handlebar settings.
  - Trail conditions vary. Stay alert for sharp curves, steep hills, and sand-covered sections.
  - Keep an eye out for park volunteers on bike patrols, and show them you care about safety and are a safe rider.

♦ Beach Safety

- Rip currents and undertow are common, dangerous conditions along ocean beaches. Stay safe by swimming in lifeguard-protected areas, and closely supervise your children at all times.


♦ General Safety


- Use sunscreen to avoid sunburn. Use a waterproof sunscreen if you intend to go swimming.
- Take precautions to avoid contact with insects. Deer ticks may carry Lyme disease. Mosquitoes may carry encephalitis or the West Nile virus. Browntail moth “tents” cause skin irritation. Stay on trails, out of tall grasses, and inspect clothes and skin. Use bug spray and wear proper clothing.
- Poison ivy is prolific in many locations. The rash it produces can cause severe discomfort. “Leaves of three, let it be.”
- In summer, be alert for heavy traffic, bicycles, and pedestrians on roadways.
- Hunting is permitted from September through February at many locations in the seashore. Check the park’s website at [www.nps.gov/caco](http://www.nps.gov/caco), or ask at visitor centers or ranger stations for current information.








RANGER-LED ACTIVITIES, JULY 1 through AUGUST 31, 2011

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Denotes activities that are accessible with minor assistance. Contact park staff if you have questions about accessibility.
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Denotes National Park Service Ocean Park Stewardship programs aimed at improving awareness and protection of marine resources.
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Long pants (shorts for canoe trips), appropriate footwear, hats, sunscreen, bug spray, and water are recommended for outdoor activities.
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Denotes programs commemorating Cape Cod National Seashore's 50th anniversary.
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Denotes activities especially suited for families with children.







SPECIAL PROGRAM AND RESERVATION POLICY

**FEE PROGRAMS:** • Canoe trips cost \$20 per adult, \$14 per child 16 and under. • Salt Pond Paddle trips cost \$17 per adult, \$12 per child 16 and under. • Surfcasting lessons cost \$15 per person. • Tickets are nonrefundable, available in advance, and must be purchased either in person at visitor centers, or by phone with a credit card, prior to 4:30 PM daily. • Credit cards are preferred. Cash refunds are problematic if a program must be canceled due to unsafe weather. • Canoe experience is MANDATORY for all but Salt Pond Paddle trips due to currents and winds. • Minimum age is 6 for canoe trips and 12 for surfcasting. • All equipment is provided unless otherwise noted. • You may have to wade and assist with moving equipment during canoe programs. • Wear shoes (required) that can get wet. **RESERVATION POLICY:** • All programs requiring reservations may be reserved no more than seven days in advance.

Salt Pond Visitor Center, Nauset Road, off Route 6, Eastham 508-255-3421  
Province Lands Visitor Center, Race Point Road, off Route 6, Provincetown 508-487-1256

EASTHAM AND WELLFLEET PROGRAMS 50! See page 10 for August 7 anniversary programs.		SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>CANOEING: SALT POND PADDLE</b> Sundays and Wednesdays, 9:30 AM. Mondays through Fridays,1:30 PM.  Sundays, 3 PM. 1½ hours, 1½ miles. Fee required.	Take a leisurely paddle in the protected waters of Salt Pond and nearby area of Nauset Marsh in Eastham to explore the beauty and significance of this awe-inspiring place. <b>BY RESERVATION ONLY NO MORE THAN 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE. CALL SALT POND VISITOR CENTER, 508-255-3421, TO REGISTER. SEE SPECIAL PROGRAM AND RESERVATION POLICY ABOVE. No programs August 7.</b>	•	•	•	•	•	•	
<b>CANOEING: CANOE ADVENTURE</b> Times vary. Up to 3 hours, 3 miles. Fee required.	These trips may explore Nauset Marsh, kettle ponds, or a bay, or may focus on a specialized topic. Locations and topics vary. <b>BY RESERVATION ONLY NO MORE THAN 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE. CALL SALT POND VISITOR CENTER, 508-255-3421, FOR A LIST OF PROGRAM TOPICS, DETAILS, AND TO REGISTER. SEE SPECIAL PROGRAM AND RESERVATION POLICY ABOVE.</b>			•	•			•
<b>ACTIVITY: SHELLFISHING DEMONSTRATION</b> Times vary.   1 hour. Free.	Learn about local shellfish and the tradition of shellfishing. Suitable for children 6 years of age and up. Adults must remain with children. Wear shoes that can get wet. Meet at Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham. <b>July 3 - 9 AM; July 10 - 3 PM; July 17 - 9 AM; July 24 - 2:30 PM; July 31 - 8 AM; August 7 - no program; August 14 - 8 AM; August 21 - 12:30 PM; August 28 - no program</b>	•						
<b>ACTIVITY: TIDAL FLATS FORAY</b> Times vary. 1½ hours, 1 mile. Free.  	Explore the Cape Cod Bay tidal flats and examine life found there. Wear shoes that can get wet while wading. Meet at the Great Island parking area, Wellfleet. <b>July 7 - 9 AM; July 14 - 4 PM; July 21 - 9 AM; July 28 - 3 PM; August 4 - 8 AM; August 11 - 3 PM; August 18 - 7:30 AM; August 25 - 1:30 PM.</b>				•			
<b>BEGINNING SURFCASTING LESSON</b>  *  <b>7 AM</b> 1½ hours. Fee required.	Learn the basics of saltwater fishing and practice the skill, but don't expect to bring home supper! No fishing license required. Meet at the Coast Guard Station, Coast Guard Beach, Eastham. <b>BY RESERVATION ONLY NO MORE THAN 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE. CALL SALT POND VISITOR CENTER, 508-255-3421, TO REGISTER. SEE SPECIAL PROGRAM AND RESERVATION POLICY ABOVE. * Accessible with assistance if Salt Pond Visitor Center is notified in advance, 508-255-3421</b>				•			
<b>WALK: SEARCHING FOR BIRDS</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> 2 hours, distance varies. Free.	Join a skilled birdwatcher at various sites in the park for bird identification and observations. Bring binoculars if you have them. Meet at the Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham, to caravan to selected sites.			•				
<b>YOGA ON THE BEACH</b> <b>7:30 AM</b>  1¼ hours. Free.	Stretch the body and the spirit in the serenest of settings. Join a ranger and certified yoga instructor for an all-level, interdisciplinary-style class held in the cool morning air at beautiful Coast Guard Beach. Meet in the parking area at Coast Guard Beach, Eastham. <b>BY RESERVATION ONLY NO MORE THAN 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE. CALL SALT POND VISITOR CENTER, 508-255-3421, TO REGISTER.</b>							•
<b>CANOE TRIP: GULL POND</b> <b>8 AM</b> 2½ hours, 1 to 2 miles. Fee required.	Enjoy the early morning calm of a kettle pond in Wellfleet while exploring its diverse plant and animal life. <b>BY RESERVATION ONLY NO MORE THAN 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE. CALL PROVINCE LANDS VISITOR CENTER, 508-487-1256, TO REGISTER. SEE SPECIAL PROGRAM AND RESERVATION POLICY ABOVE. No program August 23 and 30.</b>			•				
<b>WALK: CHRONICLES FROM A CAPE CODDER</b> 50! <b>10 AM</b> 1 hour, 1 mile. Free.	Join ranger Dana Eldridge as he examines a changing Cape Cod that has managed to retain its identity. Gain some perspective on the effects both the idea and the creation of a national seashore 50 years ago had on the Cape and its local communities. Meet on the terrace at Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham, for a talk and walk along the edge of Salt Pond.				•			
<b>WALK: ATLANTIC WHITE CEDAR SWAMP: 50 YEARS LATER</b> 50! <b>10 AM</b> 1½ hours, 1½ miles. Free.	Walk through the transitioning plant communities of heathland, pitch pine, and oak forests to the boardwalk leading through the enchanting white cedar swamp. Discover how this area has changed throughout the 50-year history of Cape Cod National Seashore. Meet at Marconi Site parking area, Wellfleet. <i>No program July 1.</i>	•				•		
<b>ACTIVITY: SOMETHING FISHY</b> Drop by: <b>10:30 AM to 12 noon</b> up to ½ mile. Free.  	See what swims, squirms, slides, and squiggles at the edge of Salt Pond. Drop by and visit the ranger at the edge of the pond to examine some of the animal life that lives along the seashore. <b>This is not a wading program.</b> Walk to the pond behind Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham, turn to the right, and look for the ranger.			•		•		
<b>CAPTAIN PENNIMAN HOUSE: A WHALING FAMILY'S STORY</b> T = Tour, 11 AM, 1 hour. OH = Open House, 1 to 4 PM.  Free.	Learn about the Penniman Family through a tour of their home and stories of their travels. Examine some of the hardships, adventures, and lifestyle of a whaling family. <b>TOUR, BY RESERVATION ONLY NO MORE THAN 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE. CALL SALT POND VISITOR CENTER, 508-255-3421, TO REGISTER. OPEN HOUSE, BROWSE THROUGH.</b> Meet at the Penniman House at Fort Hill, Eastham. Limited parking.		T	OH	OH	OH		T
<b>TOUR: ATWOOD-HIGGINS HOUSE</b> <b>11 AM</b> 1 hour. Free.	Learn about early 18th-century Cape Cod architecture and one of the Outer Cape's early colonial settlement sites. <b>BY RESERVATION ONLY NO MORE THAN 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE. CALL SALT POND VISITOR CENTER, 508-255-3421, TO REGISTER. Directions:</b> Take Route 6. Turn onto Pamet Point Road, Wellfleet, at the Truro town line, follow signs. <i>No program August 18.</i>			•	•			







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<b>STORY TIME: SMALL FRY SPECIAL</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> ¾ hours. Free.   	Children, bring your parents to the Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham, to hear some savory seashore stories, or participate in hands-on fun discovering the critters that live here. Geared for young children.							●		●		●	
<b>ACTIVITY: SECRETS OF THE SEASHORE</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> 1 hour. Free.   	This indoor program at Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham, examines animals found in Cape Cod's intertidal zone. Each week features a seashore celebrity and a creature craft. This year's line-up includes: marvelous mollusks, incredible crustaceans, excellent echinoderms (sea stars and sponges), fabulous fish, and a very special appearance by our local hero the horseshoe crab! Geared for ages 3 to 6. Adults must remain with children. <b>By RESERVATION ONLY NO MORE THAN 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE. CALL SALT POND VISITOR CENTER, 508-255-3421, TO REGISTER. No program August 7.</b>						●		●				
<b>WALK: LORE OF NAUSET MARSH</b> <b>2:30 PM</b> 1 hour, 1 mile. Free.	Explore the rich natural and human history around Nauset Marsh. Learn how each has affected the other over time. Meet on the terrace at Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham.							●					●
<b>WALK: CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE AT 50</b> <b>2:30 PM</b> 1½ hours, 1 mile. Free.  * <b>50!</b>	Walk through one of the most historically-significant sites in Cape Cod National Seashore and discover some of the factors that led to its creation as well as milestone events that have become part of its history. Meet at Hemenway town landing in Eastham (one road north of Fort Hill off Route 6). * <i>Accessible with assistance if Salt Pond Visitor Center is notified in advance, 508-255-3421.</i>									●			
<b>ACTIVITY: OPERATION: EXPLORE</b> <b>3 PM</b> 1½ hours. Free.  	Calling all future rangers 8 to 13! Develop skills for adventures in the great outdoors by attending any or all of the different program offerings. Meet at Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham. Adults must remain with children. <b>By RESERVATION ONLY NO MORE THAN 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE. CALL SALT POND VISITOR CENTER, 508-255-3421, TO REGISTER. No program July 12 and August 18.</b>								●		●	●	
<b>TOUR: THREE SISTERS LIGHTHOUSES</b> <b>5 PM</b> 1 hour, ½ mile. Free.  	These 19th-century lighthouses once provided a beacon for sailors off the shore of Nauset Light Beach. Learn of their history and importance. Meet at the northeast corner of Nauset Light Beach parking area, Eastham. <i>Beach fee may apply.</i>						●		●				
<b>CAMPFIRE: NAUSET LIGHT BEACH</b> <b>7:30 PM in July, 7 PM in August</b> 1½ hours, ½ mile. Free.  	Join an evening of fun around the campfire and learn about the special natural and historical resources of Cape Cod. Meet at Nauset Light Beach, Eastham.							●		●			
<b>TUESDAY NIGHTS AT SALT POND VISITOR CENTER</b> <b>7 PM</b> 1 hour. Free. 	Subject specialists, authors, and performing artists present a variety of programs throughout the summer. Details are on page 7 in this program guide.								●				

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<b>CANOE ADVENTURE: LONG POINT</b> <b>Times vary.</b> Up to 3 hours, 3 miles. Fee required. 	Paddle across Provincetown Harbor to explore marsh, tidal flats, and dunes. Learn about the interesting history of Long Point. Time varies each week to take advantage of cool mornings, colorful sunsets, or the light of the moon. Trips may require strong paddling experience, and may include a hike. <b>By RESERVATION ONLY NO MORE THAN 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE. CALL PROVINCE LANDS VISITOR CENTER, 508-487-1256, TO REGISTER. SEE SPECIAL PROGRAM AND RESERVATION POLICY ON PAGE 4.</b>											●	
<b>WALK: THE ECOLOGY AND HYDROLOGY OF A SALT MARSH</b> <b>Times vary.</b> 1 hour, ½ mile. Free. 	Interested in learning about salt marshes and how tides shape the plant and animal communities that live there? What happens to those communities when the natural tidal flow is restricted? This in-depth, scientific program is geared to adults. <b>By RESERVATION ONLY NO MORE THAN 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE. CALL PROVINCE LANDS VISITOR CENTER, 508-487-1256, FOR MEETING TIME, LOCATION, AND TO REGISTER. No program July 27, August 10 and 31.</b>									●			
<b>WALK: SEALS OF CAPE COD</b> <b>Times vary.</b> 1 hour, 1 mile in soft sand. Free. 	Join marine ecologists for an exciting opportunity to visit seals at a local haul-out site. Learn appropriate wildlife viewing techniques so as not to disturb the seals. <b>By RESERVATION ONLY NO MORE THAN 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE. CALL PROVINCE LANDS VISITOR CENTER, 508-487-1256, FOR MEETING TIME, LOCATION, AND TO REGISTER. No program July 31, August 7, 14, 28, and 31.</b>						●			●			
<b>WALK: TIDAL FLATS FORAY</b> <b>Times vary.</b> 1½ hours, ½ mile. Free.  	Get your feet wet as you explore the abundance and diversity of life in an intertidal zone in Provincetown. <b>By RESERVATION ONLY NO MORE THAN 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE. CALL PROVINCE LANDS VISITOR CENTER, 508-487-1256, FOR LOCATION, AND TO REGISTER. Listed dates only: July 4 - 9 AM; July 11 - 2:30 PM; July 18 - 9 AM; July 25 - 1:30 PM; August 8 - 1:30 PM</b>							●					
<b>HIKE: OUTER CAPE HIKING CLUB</b> <b>8 AM</b> 2 to 4 hours, 4 to 6 miles, strenuous. Free.	Wake up early and join us for an energetic hike off the beaten path and into some unique and secluded places. This hike is paced for a cardiovascular workout and may be strenuous. <b>By RESERVATION ONLY NO MORE THAN 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE. CALL PROVINCE LANDS VISITOR CENTER, 508-487-1256, FOR MEETING LOCATION AND TO REGISTER. July 2 - Longnook Valley; July 9 - Bound Brook Island; July 16 - Mystery Hike; July 23 - Duck Pond; July 30 - Griffin Island; August 6 - Mystery Hike; August 13 - Tin Pan Alley Dunes; August 20 - North Pamet; August 27 - Kettle Ponds</b>												●
<b>WALK: TOUR OF THE TOWN</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> 1½ hours, 3 miles. \$10 per person.	\$10 per person includes admission to Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum. Explore Provincetown's history on a walking tour co-sponsored and presented by the National Park Service and the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum. <b>By RESERVATION ONLY NO MORE THAN 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE. CALL PILGRIM MONUMENT AND PROVINCETOWN MUSEUM, 508-487-1310, FOR MEETING LOCATION AND TO REGISTER. No program August 24 and 31.</b>									●			
<b>WALK: TRURO'S COLD WAR PAST</b> <b>10 AM</b> 1½ hours, ¾ mile. Free. 	Tour the former North Truro Air Force Station. Learn about the role the area played in our Cold War past and the exciting plans for the station's future as the Highlands Center. Directions: Take Route 6 to Cape Cod (Highland) Light exit in Truro. Travel past the turn to the lighthouse. Turn left onto Old Dewline Road. Meet in the parking area. <i>No program August 29.</i>							●					



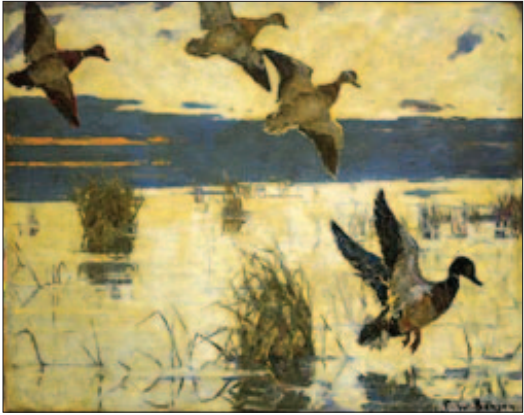
TRURO AND PROVINCETOWN PROGRAMS		50! See page 10 for August 7 anniversary programs.							SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>EXPLORE YOUR PARK</b> <b>10 AM, <i>unless otherwise noted.</i></b> 2 hours, up to 3 miles. Free.		Join a ranger for some new experiences on the Outer Cape. Trips may require strong hiking or paddling experience. Bring water and good hiking footwear. <i>Listed dates only.</i>			●										
<b>July 11 - Pilgrim Spring to High Head dunes</b> - 360° views of East Harbor, Provincetown, and the Atlantic Ocean. Meet at the shelter in Pilgrim Heights parking area, Truro. <b>July 18 - Pamet area trails</b> - Bearberry Hill and ocean vistas. Meet at trailhead across from the hostel at the end of North Pamet Road, Truro. <b>July 25 - Snail Road</b> - Parabolic dunes that lead to the ocean. Meet on Route 6 in small parking area opposite Snail Road in Provincetown. <b>August 1 - BYOK Adventure (Bring Your Own Kayak) - 12 noon.</b> Experience is mandatory. Bring your own kayak and gear (including life vests, which will be required). <b>By reservation only no more than 7 days in advance. Call 508-487-1256 for meeting location and to register.</b> <b>August 8 - Griffin Island</b> - Heathlands and views of the bay. Meet at Great Island parking area in Wellfleet. <b>August 15 - Canine Cape</b> - Bring your own well-behaved and socialized canine companion for a hike to Hatches Harbor and learn about the natural history of canines on Cape Cod and how to hike responsibly with your pet. <b>By reservation only no more than 7 days in advance. Call 508-487-1256 for meeting location and to register.</b> <b>August 22 - Snail Road</b> - See description from July 25.															
<b>ACTIVITY: SMALL FRY SPECIAL</b> <b>10 AM</b> ½ hour. Free.		The seashore is full of exciting experiences for young children. Join a ranger for stories, games, and outdoor exploration. Geared for ages 3 to 8. Adults must remain with children. Meet at Province Lands Visitor Center, Provincetown.			●										
<b>WALK: THE DUNES OF PROVINCE LANDS</b> <b>10 AM</b> 1 hour, 1 mile in soft sand. Free.		Explore an enchanting dune landscape of unusual plants and wild cranberry bogs. Discover the hidden story of America’s oldest public lands and how actions by enterprising settlers changed this landscape. Meet at Province Lands Visitor Center, off Race Point Road, Provincetown. Wear shoes appropriate for walking in soft sand and bring water. <i>No program August 20, 27, and 30.</i>				●	●							●	
<b>WALK: THE PROVINCE LANDS: 50 YEARS LATER</b> <b>10 AM</b> 1 hour, 1 mile in soft sand. Free.		Find out how this dune and bog landscape was prized for its resources yet always remained public property, and how it has evolved since the establishment of Cape Cod National Seashore. Meet at Province Lands Visitor Center, off Race Point Road, Provincetown. <i>No program July 31.</i>			●										
<b>ACTIVITY: HANDS-ON SQUID</b> <b>10 AM</b> 1½ hours. Free.		Investigate the fascinating anatomy and life of one of the Atlantic’s squishiest mollusks. Geared for ages 8 to 12. Space is limited. Meet at Province Lands Visitor Center, Provincetown. <i>No program August 7.</i> <b>By reservation only no more than 7 days in advance. Call Province Lands Visitor Center, 508-487-1256, to register.</b>			●										
<b>ACTIVITY: LIFEGUARD DEMONSTRATION</b> <b>10 AM</b> ½ hour. Free.		Join a lifeguard for a surf rescue demonstration on the beach and learn how to stay safe while swimming in the ocean. No reservation required. Meet at the head life-guard stand at Race Point Beach, Provincetown. All ages. <i>Beach fees apply.</i>				●									
<b>ACTIVITY: JUNIOR LIFESAVER</b> <b>10 AM</b> 1 hour. Free.		Explore the life of Cape Cod’s shoreline heroes through games and activities. Practice early 1900s maritime skills at Old Harbor Life-Saving Station and earn a Junior Life-saver patch. Meet at Province Lands Visitor Center, Provincetown, to caravan to this program. <i>No program August 19 and 26.</i>											●		
<b>TALK: MARINE LECTURE SERIES</b> <b>11 AM</b> 1 hour. Free.		Weekly offerings by the Director of Marine Education, Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies. Meet at Province Lands Visitor Center, Provincetown. <b>July 7</b> - Whales of Cape Cod; <b>July 14</b> - Whale Disentanglement; <b>July 21</b> - Seals, Making a Comeback; <b>July 28</b> - Whales of Cape Cod; <b>August 4</b> - History of Whaling: From Prehistoric Times to Today’s Modern Fleet; <b>August 11</b> - Marine Debris: Scourge of the Sea in the 21st Century; <b>August 18</b> - Seals, Making a Comeback; <b>August 25</b> - Oceans and Climate Change: What does the future hold?								●					
<b>SCAVENGER HUNT: THE AMAZING RACE - PROVINCETOWN</b> <b>11 AM</b> 1 to 1½ hours, 2 miles. Fee required*		Discover Provincetown’s history one clue at a time. As you race against time to win the grand prize, experience the town’s unique treasures and best kept secrets. Wear comfortable shoes. Meet the ranger at the Pilgrim Monument parking area, Provincetown. * Admission fee charged for the Pilgrim Monument will be from \$3.50 to \$7.00 depending on group size. \$10 parking fee is refunded for stays shorter than 2 hours. <b>By reservation only no more than 7 days in advance. Call Province Lands Visitor Center, 508-487-1256, to register.</b>											●		
<b>WALK: SCIENCE AT THE SEASHORE</b> <b>1 PM</b> 1½ hours, 1 to 3 miles. Free.		Have you ever wondered what it’s like for scientists to conduct research at the national seashore? Join park scientists for trips into the field covering a wide range of topics, including how climate change is affecting local areas. <b>Call Province Lands Visitor Center for meeting location, 508-487-1256. No program August 30.</b>				●									
<b>SNORKEL ADVENTURE</b> <b>2 PM</b> 2 hours. Free.		Explore the amazing underwater world of Cape Cod waters and witness a freshwater or saltwater ecosystem firsthand. <b>By reservation only no more than 7 days in advance. Call Province Lands Visitor Center, 508-487-1256, for location and to register. All equipment provided. Minimum age 10. Experienced swimmers only. No program August 7, 21, 28, and 31.</b>			●			●							
<b>ACTIVITY: OPERATION: EXPLORE!</b> <b>Thursdays, 2 PM</b> <b>Saturdays, 4 PM</b> 1½ hours. Free.		Calling all future rangers 8 to 13! Develop skills for adventures in the great outdoors by attending any or all of the different program offerings. Adults must remain with children. <i>No program August 20 and 27.</i> <b>Thursdays: Animal Tracking: What Animals Live Here?</b> Meet at Province Lands Visitor Center, Provincetown. <b>Saturdays: Junior Naturalist Scavenger Hunt</b> - Meet at Beech Forest Parking Area, Provincetown.									●			●	
<b>WALK: TRURO HIGHLANDS HISTORIC DISTRICT</b> <b>3 PM</b> 1 hour, ½ mile. Free.		Enjoy ocean vistas on this easy walk from the towering Highland cliffs where for centuries Cape Cod’s oldest lighthouse has served as a beacon for mariners and tourists alike. <i>Directions:</i> Take Route 6 to the Highland Road exit in Truro and follow signs for Cape Cod (Highland) Light. Meet at the lighthouse. <i>No program July 14.</i>									●				
<b>OPEN HOUSE: OLD HARBOR LIFE-SAVING STATION</b> <b>3 to 5 PM</b> Free.		Built in 1898, Old Harbor is the last intact lifesaving station of the original 13 of Cape Cod. The station has been extensively rehabilitated and restored, and the refurbishing effort has begun! Browse through, learn about its storied past, and view the progress towards making it look like it did in its earliest years. Worth a return visit if you haven’t been here in a while. Park at Race Point Beach in Provincetown and take the short walk to Old Harbor. <i>Beach fees may apply.</i>			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		



TRURO AND PROVINCETOWN PROGRAMS			See page10 for August 7 anniversary programs.							SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>HIKE: ART IN THE DUNES</b> <b>3 PM</b> 3 hours, 2½ to 3 miles in loose sand. Free.			On this long hike into the Province Lands dunes, view firsthand the quality of light, natural environment, and isolation that have long attracted artists and writers to Provincetown. Meet an artist-in-residence at a dune shack. <b>By RESERVATION ONLY NO MORE THAN 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE. CALL PROVINCE LANDS VISITOR CENTER, 508-487-1256, FOR MEETING LOCATION AND TO REGISTER. SPACE IS LIMITED. No program August 19 and 26.</b>											●		
<b>HISTORICAL REENACTMENT: BEACH APPARATUS DRILL</b> <b>6 PM</b> 1 hour. Fee required.  			Listen for the keeper’s command, “Open the boat room doors!” and return to the days of shipwrecks and lifesaving along Cape Cod shores. Watch uniformed surfmen fire a line from a cannon to a ship in distress and haul the victim to shore. This is our 32nd year reenacting this 1902 rescue drill. Takes place at Old Harbor Life-Saving Station, Race Point Beach, Provincetown. \$5 for adults; \$2 for seniors over 62, and children 7 to 17; children 6 and under are free.										●			
<b>PHOTOGRAPHY HIKE: LEAVE ONLY FOOTPRINTS, TAKE ONLY PICTURES</b> <b>6:30 PM in July, 6 PM in August.</b> 2 hours, up to 2½ miles. Free.			Enjoy a sunset hike and photographic opportunities. Instruction and advice provided for capturing unique perspectives of the seashore. All levels and formats (digital or film) are welcome. Tripods recommended but not necessary. <i>Listed dates only: July 6 and 20, and August 3, 17, and 31.</i> <b>By RESERVATION ONLY NO MORE THAN 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE. CALL PROVINCE LANDS VISITOR CENTER, 508-487-1256, FOR MEETING LOCATION AND TO REGISTER.</b>									●				
<b>WALK: NIGHT PATROL AT OLD HARBOR</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> 1½ hours, ¼ mile.  			The heroic surfmen of the U.S. Lifesaving Service were always ready for a rescue, especially at night. Experience the station and the beach at night as if it were the early 1900s. Hear stories about shipwrecks and those who inhabited the station, and on clear nights enjoy some spectacular star gazing.											●		
<b>CAMPFIRE: HERRING COVE BEACH</b> <b>7:30 PM in July, 7 PM in August</b> 1 hour. Free.  			Enjoy sunset on the beach and an evening of folklore and games around the campfire. Bring a beach chair or towel to sit on. Meet the rangers at the end of the right-hand parking area, Herring Cove Beach, Provincetown. * <i>Accessible with assistance if Province Lands Visitor Center is notified in advance, 508-487-1256. No program July 3, August 7, 21, and 28.</i>							●						

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Programs are on Tuesdays and occur at 7 PM at Salt Pond Visitor Center, off Route 6, Eastham, last about 1 hour, are free to the public, and accessible. Several presentations are repeated on the same day, or occur at Province Lands Visitor Center, off Race Point Road, Provincetown, at listed times. *Sponsored by Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore.*



**JULY 5 - FRANK W. BENSON : THE ARTIST OF NAUSET MARSH**  
After a successful career as an impressionist artist, Frank Benson turned his attention to painting scenes of fishing and waterfowl hunting, many of which were painted in and around Nauset Marsh and other Eastham locales. Author Faith Andrews Bedford will present an illustrated program about Mr. Benson and his art.  
**"Ducks at Dawn" by Frank W. Benson**

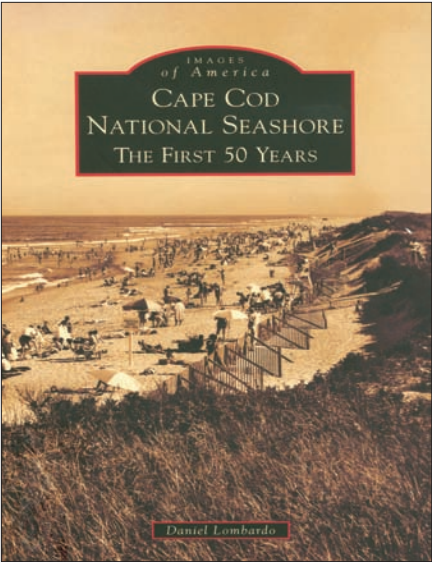
**JULY 12 - WHY CAPE COD HAS THE MOST INTERESTING WEATHER ON EARTH**  
Presented by New England Cable News (NECN) meteorologist Tim Kelley. Cape Cod is located halfway between the equator and the north pole, on the edge of a continent and adjacent to the Atlantic Ocean. Cape Cod gets blizzards and hurricanes, thunderstorms and thunder snow, record cold and record heat.



**JULY 19 - MODERN ARCHITECTURE ON THE OUTER CAPE**  
Some prominent modern architects, including the founders of the seminal Bauhaus School, settled in Wellfleet and Truro in the mid-20th century. The story of their radical and eco-attuned style will be told by Peter McMahon, executive director of Cape Cod Modern House Trust.  
**Kugel-Gips House, Wellfleet**

**JULY 26 - WORDS THAT INSPIRED A NATIONAL SEASHORE** - Henry Beston’s “The Outermost House” endeared many people to the great beach of Cape Cod and laid the foundation for the creation of Cape Cod National Seashore. Presented by Don Wilding, co-founder of the Henry Beston Society.

**AUGUST 2 - GREAT WHITE SHARKS ON CAPE COD** - Drawn by a healthy seal population, great white shark sightings have increased significantly in Cape Cod waters. Learn about them from the area expert, Dr. Greg Skomal, senior biologist with the Massachusetts Department of Marine Fisheries.





**AUGUST 9 - CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE: THE FIRST 50 YEARS** - presented by national seashore historian Bill Burke and including a book signing by Daniel Lombardo, author of the recently published *Images of America: Cape Cod National Seashore the First 50 years*.  
**AUGUST 16 - SONGS OF THE SEA**  Hear the story of Gail the Whaler, a young girl who, disguised as a boy, ships out on a mid-19th century whaler bound for California. Enjoy this adventure straight out of New England history! An interactive evening of sing-a-long fun for families presented by acclaimed singer and songwriter Paul Kaplan. **Additional performance at Province Lands Visitor Center at 3 PM.**

**August 23 - KESTRELS AND CRANBERRY BOGS** - An illustrated program on the interesting lives of these smallest of American falcons. Live birds will be displayed at the end of the program. Presented by licensed falconer Joey Mason. **Additional performance at Province Lands Visitor Center at 3 PM.**



**August 30 - WILD ABOUT WILD CRANBERRIES** - presented by Dr. Frank L. Caruso, extension associate professor, UMASS. An illustrated program on research in the wild bogs of Cape Cod National Seashore and its application for the cranberry industry.



**PROGRAMS at PROVINCE LANDS VISITOR CENTER, off Race Point Road, Provincetown 508-487-1256** 

**JULY 19, 2 PM - “SHORE THING”** - Enjoy a free, one-hour musical performance by singer/songwriters Vicky McKee and Jack Pearson. Celebrate 50 years of Cape Cod National Seashore, and 50 summers of Vicky’s visits with original songs.

**JULY 26, 3 PM - SONGS OF NATURE AND THE LAND**  
Playing mountain and hammered dulcimers and guitar, balladeer Linda Russell offers a lively presentation of traditional songs from the 18th century onward that depict our changing relationship with nature. Linda Russell explores history through music at historic sites, museums, and schools. She has served as musical interpreter for the National Park Service for 16 years at Federal Hall National Memorial in New York.

**AUGUST 9, 3 PM - CAPTURING NATURE IN FIELD NOTES** - Michael R. Canfield, editor of *Field Notes on Science and Nature*, shares field stories, anecdotes, maps, photographs, and drawings from both contemporary and historical naturalists that reveal scientific knowledge, exhilarating expeditions, and important discoveries. He also provides practical advice anyone can use to document adventures in the natural world.

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# PARTNER PROGRAMS

## Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore

The Friends is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to enhance people’s enjoyment of the seashore through financial and volunteer support. [www.fccns.org](http://www.fccns.org)



**Old-Fashioned Band Concert with the Lower Cape Concert Band** - Saturday, July 2 at 7 PM, at Province Lands Visitor Center, Provincetown - music with a patriotic theme. FREE. ♿



Brian Sharp and Scott Landry of the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies (PCCS) Marine Entanglement Response team use a hook-shaped knife at the end of a pole to remove rope wrapping the flipper of a young humpback whale named Estuary in May 2009. The PCCS image was taken under NOAA permit 932-1489, under the authority of the US ESA.

### Annual Meeting and Guest Presentation

Wednesday, July 20 at 7 PM, at Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham. FREE. ♿ The meeting will be followed (at approximately 7:45 PM) by a presentation “*Whale Disentanglement: Up Close and Personal*” given by Scott Landry, director of the Marine Entanglement Response Team of the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies. The public is invited to both events. Landry will discuss the inspiring work of the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies in protecting and saving whales in the western North Atlantic.



AmeriCorps members Michael Easter, Erin Daniels, and Shivani Kakde construct a garden bed for Sustainable CAPE's historic harvest garden on Highlands Center Cleanup Day. photo: Francie Randolph

## Highlands Fest: Celebrating Volunteerism - *Making Waves* Saturday, July 9, 3 to 6 PM. FREE.

(Rain date: Sunday, July 10) ♿

This year’s Highlands Fest will be Cape Cod National Seashore’s 50th-anniversary celebration of our Volunteers-In-Parks and how their commitment to service makes positive waves throughout the national seashore. The day will focus around an enjoyable and engaging service project: painting a mural that commemorates volunteerism. The mural will leave a visible and lasting mark on the Highlands Center, just as volunteers leave their mark on the seashore. Light refreshments and a chance to take a break from the sun will be available under the Payomet tent, where “Out of Service,” a short film about the former North Truro Air Force Station, will be screened on loop, and several parties will be honored for their extensive volunteer service during a ceremony at 5 PM. For more information see [www.nps.gov/caco/planyourvisit/highlands-center-at-cape-cod-national-seashore.htm](http://www.nps.gov/caco/planyourvisit/highlands-center-at-cape-cod-national-seashore.htm). *Sponsored by the Highlands Center Partners: Barnstable County AmeriCorps Cape Cod, Cape Cod National Seashore, Fine Arts Work Center, Highlands Center, Inc., Payomet Performing Arts Center in Truro, the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies, and Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill.*

**Family Sunset Campfires and Sing-Alongs** - Thursday, July 14 at 8 PM, at Herring Cove Beach, Provincetown; Monday August 8 at 7:30 PM at Herring Cove Beach, Provincetown; and Tuesday August 9 at 7:30 PM, at Marconi Beach, Wellfleet. FREE. Enjoy an evening campfire on the beach with songs led by Cape Cod musicians Denya LeVine and Tim Dickey.

**An Evening of Celtic Music** - Saturday, July 30 at 7 PM, at Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham. FREE. Join Billy Hardy and Beth Sweeney, a Celtic fiddle and instrumental duo, for an evening of Irish and other Celtic music with songs in English and Gaeilge. ♿

**Outer Cape Chorale Chamber Singers** - Friday, August 26 at 7 PM, at Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham. FREE. Enjoy an evening of song with this popular local group. ♿

## Cape Cod Modern House Trust



Interior, Kugel-Gips House, Wellfleet

In the isolated pine woods of Wellfleet and Truro lay modest flat-roofed houses designed by prominent modern architects. The national seashore has leased one of these historic structures to the Cape Cod Modern House Trust (CCMHT), and other leases are in the works. [www.ccmht.org](http://www.ccmht.org)

July 20, 7:30 PM - Lecture by CCMHT Executive Director Peter McMahon for Truro Historical Society.

August 21 - Modern House Tour, produced in collaboration with Castle Hill. For tickets visit [www.castlehill.org](http://www.castlehill.org) or call 508-349-7511.

August 24, 8 PM - Lecture by Kenneth Frampton at Wellfleet Library. Tickets are available through Cape Cod Modern House Trust.

## Nauset Light Preservation Society

Tours are conducted by volunteers of the Nauset Light Preservation Society, a nonprofit group dedicated to the preservation of Nauset Light. Sundays and Wednesdays, through July and August, from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. Donations accepted. *Beach fees may apply.* [www.nausetlight.org](http://www.nausetlight.org)

## Highland Light and Highland House

**Highland Lighthouse:** Open daily through mid-October: 10 AM to 6 PM. Tours daily 10 AM to 5:30 PM. \$4 all ages. Children must be 48” tall to climb Highland Light. 508-487-1121. [www.capecodlight.org](http://www.capecodlight.org). **Highland House Museum:** Monday to Saturday, 10 AM to 4:30 PM through September. Admission - \$4 adults, 12 and under and members free. [www.trurohistorical.org](http://www.trurohistorical.org)



Preparing to load the wood kiln with pottery at Highlands Center

degrees on June 13-15 (unloading on June 18), July 25-27 (unloading on July 30), and September 12-14 (unloading on September 17). Anyone curious is welcome to stop by! Visit [www.castlehill.org](http://www.castlehill.org) or call Ceramics Studio Manager Brian Taylor, 508-349-7511, for more information. ♿

## Fired Up!

Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill will be loading its Highlands Center wood kiln with pottery, and firing the work to 2300



Fishtank Ensemble brings its high-energy, cross-pollinated gypsy music to Payomet, August 14.

## Under the Tent: Payomet Performing Arts Center

Payomet Performing Arts

Center’s 13th season includes its signature Summer Sundays Music Series under the tent at the Highlands Center, with performances by Rosanne Cash, Carolina Chocolate Drops, Shemekia Copeland, and more. Other features include plays, book readings, Shakespeare, and several music festivals. Visit [www.ppactruro.org](http://www.ppactruro.org) or call the box office (508-487-5400) for a complete schedule and reservations. ♿



# Insider’s Guide to 50 Great Cape Cod National Seashore Experiences (featuring park staff and partner favorites)

## Observation

- 1. Enjoy the park’s natural sounds—spring peepers and whip-poor-wills calling on spring nights; saw-whet owls and rails calling near Great Pond in the Province Lands; and red squirrels “scolding” on the Beech Forest Trail.
- 2. Watch the courtship flights of male woodcocks at dusk in early spring near the Highlands Center (Truro) and National Seashore headquarters (Wellfleet).
- 3. Observe bats in flight feeding over vernal ponds at sunset.



- 4. Watch mating spadefoot toads in the Province Lands.
- 5. Observe migrant shorebirds feeding on the Nauset Marsh mudflats.
- 6. Snorkel in the Provincetown breakwater and observe sea squirts, algae, mussels, barnacles, snails, and sea stars.
- 7. Stir up phosphorescent microorganisms in the water in the summer.
- 8. Look for the webs of orb weaving spiders.



- 9. Watch the Beach Apparatus Drill at Old Harbor on a Thursday night in July and August. It’s a unique way to see history come to life.
- 10. Watch dragonflies zigging and zagging over freshwater wetlands.
- 11. Have a southwest desert experience on Cape Cod! Look for the rare prickly pear cactus, found here in the northernmost edge of its range.

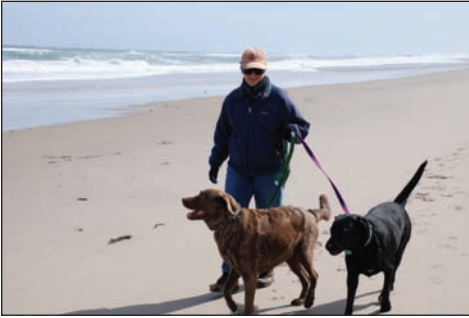


View from the Province Lands Visitor Center observation deck

- 12. In May, visit Coast Guard Beach in Eastham at low tide around the dates of the full moon. Walk along the inland edge of Nauset Marsh to observe the tracks of hundreds of mating horseshoe crabs (and the actual animals if you are lucky!).
- 13. Enjoy 360-degree views from the viewing platform at the Marconi Site and from the observation deck atop Province Lands Visitor Center.
- 14. Photograph sunrise at Nauset Marsh.
- 15. Take your lunch to Fort Hill and watch the birds, surf, and people clamming.

## Recreation

- 16. Hike the Bearberry Hill Trail in Truro for an awesome view of the Atlantic and a former commercial cranberry bog undergoing forest succession.
- 17. Run the Great Island Trail.
- 18. Obtain a shell fishing permit from a town and try your hand at clamming.
- 19. Enjoy the waves and beautiful landscapes from a surfboard.



- 20. Experience the park with your happy dog...leashed, of course! Check at a visitor center for areas where pets are permitted.
- 21. Hike over sand to Provincetown’s three lighthouses.
- 22. Put the baby in a jogging stroller and run along the Province Lands and Nauset Bike Trails.
- 23. Snowshoe on the beach.
- 24. Pick mushrooms in the fall with your family and make pierogi for the holidays. Warning: Collect only what you can positively identify as edible, and check at a visitor center for collecting limits.
- 25. Swim across the ponds.



Race Point Light from Hatches Harbor, Provincetown

- 26. Sign up for a kiln firing by Castle Hill, or a theater or music performance at the Payomet tent at Highlands Center, Truro.
- 27. Fish the ponds.
- 28. Search out wild cranberry bogs in the Province Lands and gather berries for Thanksgiving (check at a visitor center for collecting limits).
- 29. Hit the beach in the evening when the crowds have vanished.
- 30. Boogie board with the kids at Coast Guard Beach.
- 31. Wade out into the flats at low tide on Cape Cod Bay.
- 32. Stroll along the fire roads of the Marconi Wildlife Management Area.
- 33. Snorkel in a kettle pond. The clarity, plants, and fish will amaze you.
- 34. Gather high bush blueberries during the summer (check at a visitor center for collecting limits).
- 35. Walk or ride your bike to the beach to avoid driving.



- 36. Attend a beach campfire with a ranger or Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore.

## Contemplation

- 37. Lie on the sand at Head of the Meadow Beach on the nights of August 12-13 to watch the Persied meteor shower.
- 38. Step out the back door of Salt Pond Visitor Center in Eastham for a gorgeous pond and marsh view.
- 39. Take a tour of Nauset Light or Highland Light during the full moon.

- 40. Watch the ocean during a northeaster.
- 41. Take a full moon walk at the Atlantic White Cedar Swamp Trail.
- 42. Visit a beach in heavy fog.
- 43. Find a seat on a log at Race Point beach in late March/early April to listen for whales blowing and to look for whales spouting.



- 44. Take a quiet paddle in a canoe or kayak down a river, through a salt marsh, or across a kettle pond.
- 45. Begin the day watching the sun rise over Coast Guard Beach in Eastham, and end the day watching the sun set over Herring Cove in Provincetown.

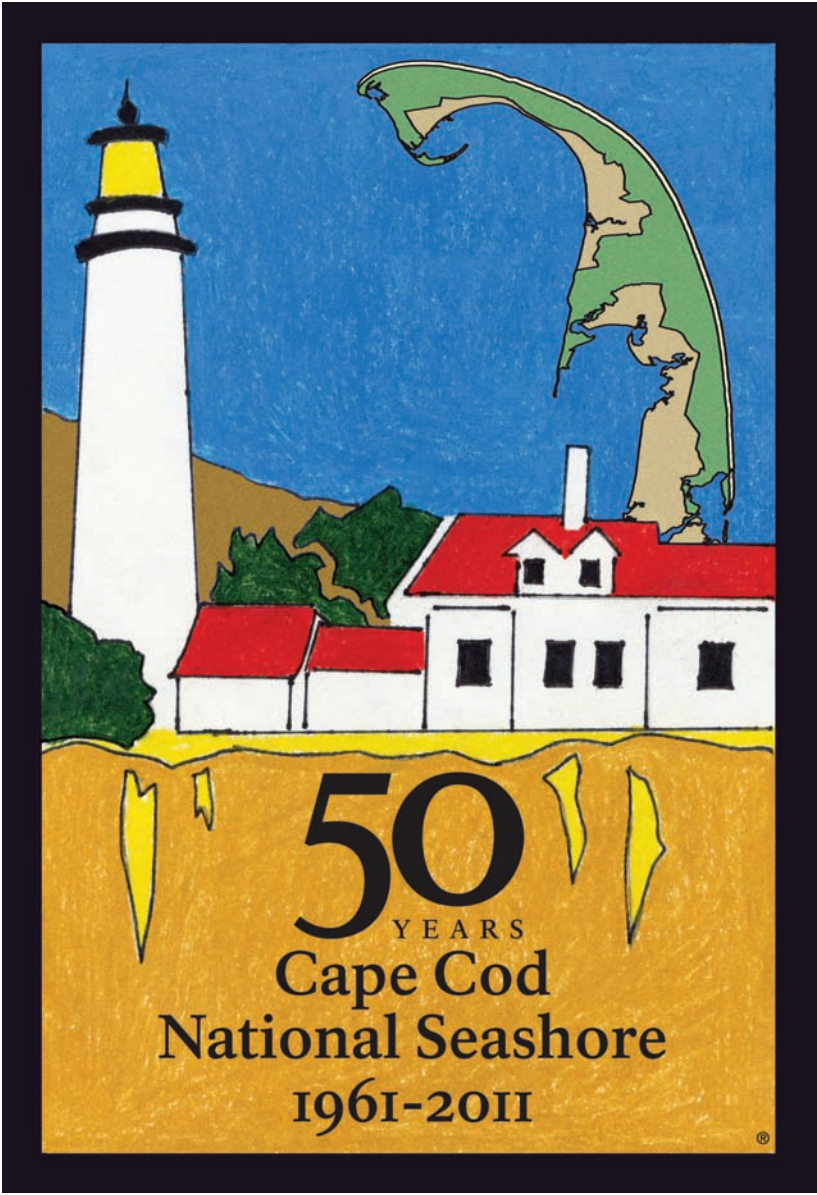
- 46. Get a book about Cape Cod and make the story come alive. Walk a trail or take in a vista to experience the park as Thoreau or Boston might have experienced it.
- 47. Take a moonlit walk from Coast Guard beach south to the Nauset inlet.
- 48. Share your love of nature with a child to help instill lifelong appreciation for wildlife and natural places.

- 49. Observe the night sky from the Marconi Site in Wellfleet, where there is very little light pollution.
- 50. Visit Old Harbor Life-Saving Station on a stormy day and contemplate the 3,000 recorded shipwrecks off Cape Cod and the men who rescued victims at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

### REMEMBER:

Remain on designated trails to prevent damage and reduce exposure to disease-carrying insects, poison ivy, and other natural risks. Observe trail conditions while walking, and be aware of tree roots, stumps, and other naturally-occurring hazards.





# Happy Anniversary!

## *Cape Cod National Seashore's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*

Several special events are occurring during the week leading up to the anniversary, including:

**Saturday, July 30:**

Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore benefit event at Addison Art Gallery, Orleans  
Celtic musicians Billy Hardy and Beth Sweeney perform at Salt Pond Visitor Center

**Sunday, July 31:**

Cape Cod National Seashore Night at Cape Cod Baseball League's Orleans *Firebirds* game

**Tuesday, August 2:**

Presentation on great white sharks at Salt Pond Visitor Center

**Saturday, August 6:**

All day: Enjoy a variety of ranger-led programs and open houses and tours at historic buildings, described on pages 4 to 8.

7 PM: *Song of a Sandy Mooring*. On the eve of the 50th anniversary, travel back to 1960s Provincetown. Known locally as the "the groovy movie," this film highlights the town's rich cultural heritage as a fishing and artistic community. Following the movie, there will be informal reminiscing about the history of Provincetown. Bring a pillow or pad to sit on. Province Lands Visitor Center, Provincetown. 1½ hours. FREE.

## Sunday, August 7 (All programs are free, unless noted.)

Stop by welcome tables at Salt Pond Visitor Center (Eastham) and Province Lands Visitor Center (Provincetown) for a final schedule of events and to plan your day. Take in a retrospective ranger walk, attend a concert, tour a lighthouse, or embark on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Challenge, sponsored by Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore.

***Especially for families:*** Enjoy music, sing-alongs, and cake at both visitor centers starting at 11:30 AM. Stop by a visitor center to create a written piece or drawing for our time capsule. Drop in at Salt Pond between 2:30 and 4 PM to meet our shorebird interpreters and create a plover or paint a shoreline scene to take home. Remember to enter this season's contest to name the mega-shorebird!

**Retrospective Ranger Programs:** Join rangers for walks at the sites of some of our 1960s ranger programs. What has changed? What has stayed the same?

- 10 AM: *Walk: Atlantic White Cedar Swamp*, Marconi Site parking area, off Route 6, Wellfleet. 1½ hours, 1½ miles.
- 10 AM: *Walk: Small's Swamp*, Pilgrim Heights parking area, Truro; 1 hour. Offered by former ranger, Dave Spang, who led this walk in 1963. Meet at the shelter. 1 hour, ¾ mile.
- 1 PM: *Multi-Media Program: Fire, Ice, Wind, and Water*, Province Lands Visitor Center auditorium, Provincetown. Former ranger Dave Spang will present a geologic and Earth science program that he offered for many years, beginning in 1964. 1 hour.
- 3 PM: *Walk: Cape Cod National Seashore at 50*, Hemenway Town Landing in Eastham. Walk through one of the national seashore's most historically significant sites and discuss milestones from its past. 1½ hours, 1 mile.
- 5 PM: *Talk and Stroll: Chronicles from a Cape Codd*, Salt Pond Visitor Center. Join long-time ranger Dana Eldridge for perspectives on the effects that both the idea and the creation of a national seashore had on Cape Cod and its local communities 50 years ago. 1 hour, 1 mile.

**Commemorative Postal Cancellations:** Stop by Salt Pond or Province Lands visitor centers between 10 AM and 1 PM for a unique 50th-anniversary postal cancellation provided by the US Postal Service.

**Concerts and Performances:**

- 11:30 AM: Acclaimed Outer Cape musicians will perform toe-tapping tunes and familiar sing-alongs at each visitor center, culminating in cake and "Happy Birthday" at noon. Tim Sweeney and Roe Osborn will perform at Salt Pond, and Zoe Lewis and Peter Donnelly will perform at Province Lands. The Salt Pond program will include commemorative remarks.
- 1 to 2 PM: Readings by local authors will extol the beauty and diversity of the Outer Cape, forever preserved by the stroke of President Kennedy's pen. Salt Pond Visitor Center. Hosted by the Kennedy Library. *Free, but make a reservation at [www.jfklibrary.org](http://www.jfklibrary.org), or call (617) 514-1643.*
- 6 PM: Concert featuring soul/blues artist Shemekia Copeland at Payomet Performing Arts Center in Truro (advance tickets at [www.ppactruro.org](http://www.ppactruro.org)) \$
- 7 PM: Campfire program with Vicky McKee at Herring Cove Beach - Enjoy a one-hour musical performance by singer/songwriters Vicky McKee and Jack Pearson. Celebrate 50 years of Cape Cod National Seashore, and 50 summers of Vicky's visits, with their original songs.

**Open Houses and Programs at Historic Sites:**

- 1 to 4 PM: Drop in at the Captain Penniman House in Eastham and the Atwood-Higgins House in Wellfleet to see how early Cape Codders lived.
- 2 PM: National Lighthouse Day celebration at Highland (Cape Cod) Light, Truro. Music and a procession by the Highland Light Scottish Pipe Band; a wreath-laying ceremony to honor lifesavers and lighthouse keepers; and cake. Hosted by Highland Museum and Light, Inc.
- 3 to 5 PM: Drop in at Old Harbor Life-Saving Station, Race Point Beach, Provincetown. Browse through the last intact station of the original 13 that served Cape Cod. New interior furnishings! (Beach fees apply).
- 4:30 to 7:30 PM: Drop in at Nauset Light, Nauset Light Beach, Eastham. Learn about the critical role of lighthouses in warning ships away from shore. Hosted by Nauset Light Preservation Society.
- 5 PM: Tour the Three Sisters Lights in Eastham and learn of their storied past. Meet at Nauset Light Beach parking area. 1 hour, ½ mile walk.



# Cape Cod National Seashore 50th anniversary calendar of events 2011

## Dates July

- 1 Exhibit: *Fulfilling the Mission: Images from the First 50 Years*, Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham, through August
- 1 Eastham Painters’ Guild Student Scholarship presentation, Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham
- 1 Display: *Cape Cod National Seashore at 50*, Brewster Ladies Library, through July
- 9 *Highlands Fest* at Highlands Center, Truro, *Celebrating Volunteerism*, (rain date, July 10)
- 31 Cape Cod National Seashore Night at Cape Cod Baseball League’s *Orleans Firebirds* Game, Eldredge Park, Orleans

## August

- 1 Exhibit: *Fulfilling the Mission: Images from the First 50 Years* continues through August
- 1 Display: *Cape Cod National Seashore at 50*, Truro Library, through August
- 9 *50 Years of History*, Park Historian Bill Burke, and book signing: *Images of America* with Author Dan Lombardo, Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham

## September

- 1 Exhibit: *50 Years of Science and Resource Management at Cape Cod National Seashore*, Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham, through September
- 1 Display: *Cape Cod National Seashore at 50*, Snow Library, Orleans, through September
- 11 Eastham Windmill Weekend Parade: *Eastham - Gateway to Cape Cod National Seashore for 50 Years*
- 18 Old Harbor Rededication, Race Point Beach, Provincetown
- 24 *50 Years of Science at Cape Cod National Seashore: Science in the Service of Sound Natural Resource Management for the Public Good, 1962-2012*. A public forum with interactive exhibits and a poster exhibition, at Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham. Special guests are expected to include scientists and observers who have studied Cape Cod during the last 50 years with demonstrations of scientific methods by seashore staff.

## October

- 1 Exhibit: *Cape Cod National Seashore as Inspiration*, Bayberry Quilters of Cape Cod, Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham, through October

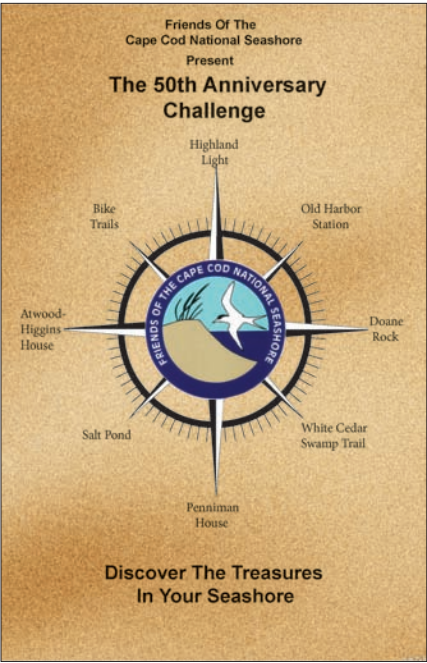
## November

- 1 Exhibit: *A Measure of Solitude*, Provincetown Community Compact and Outer Cape Artist in Residency Consortium, Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham, through December

## December

- 1 Exhibit: *A Measure of Solitude* continues through December

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## The 50th Anniversary Challenge

As part of the 50th anniversary celebration of the national seashore, Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore has organized a treasure hunt. There are no hidden pieces of 8, but you can discover some of the lesser-known places that are gems within the seashore. Here’s an opportunity to expand your knowledge and broaden your horizons while having fun and getting outdoors. Get a *Treasure Hunt Booklet* at either of the visitor centers. The booklet contains 80 questions for you to answer by going to specific sites in four towns of the Outer Cape. Send your answers back to Friends for a chance to win prizes. The deadline for entry is September 30, 2011. See the booklet for details.

## 50th Anniversary Seashore Memories Album



Many people hold special memories of time spent at Cape Cod National Seashore. The 50th Anniversary Seashore Memories Album provides opportunities to share these special times with others. Take a moment to browse through your photos and memories of your Cape Cod National Seashore adventures.

Then go to Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore website: [www.fccns.org](http://www.fccns.org), and follow the link to upload them. Images should contain people and a recognizable feature, overlook, or sign that connects the image to Cape Cod National Seashore.

*The 50th Anniversary Challenge and the Seashore Memory Album are both sponsored by Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore*

The Friends mission supports the educational, environmental, historical, recreational, and scientific purposes of the seashore.



# New Exhibits Installed at Old Harbor Life-Saving Station

For over 110 years, Old Harbor Life-Saving Station has been a sentinel on the shores of Outer Cape Cod. It has faced countless nor’easters, been threatened by erosion, and it even weathered the famous “Storm of ’78” sitting on a barge in Provincetown Harbor. Since 1978, it has served as a lifesaving museum at Race Point Beach. Recently, it was the focus of a nearly half-million dollar rehabilitation project that has returned it to its original condition as a building dedicated to saving lives along the “Graveyard of the Atlantic.”

The building was extensively rehabilitated in 2009. Since then, Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore has raised over \$109,000 to furnish the interior of the building to its 1900 appearance so visitors can more fully understand how the building functioned and how the men of the US Lifesaving Service lived. This year’s visitors will see stoves, beds, tables and chairs, books, lamps, and more. A surfboat wagon is being specially constructed for Old Harbor by the North Carolina Maritime Museum. This significant addition to the boat room will help visitors understand how the large boat was transported down to the water’s edge for rescue. All of these items will add to the ambience and educational value of Old Harbor, which is the last intact station of the original 13 built on Cape Cod.

We invite you to visit Old Harbor this summer and fall. It’s open from 3:00 to 5:00 PM daily in July and August, and frequently in the fall. Park rangers and volunteers are on duty to show you around. The Beach Apparatus Drill, held at 6:00 PM on Thursdays in July and August is a “must see” interpretive program. Rangers portray surf men from 1902 and fire the Lyle gun, simulating a rescue drill from the turn of the 20th century. As part of the national seashore’s 50th anniversary, a rededication event will be held at Old Harbor on September 18 to show the furnishing progress and to recognize donors. The event is free and open to the public.

If you’re excited about what you see happening at Old Harbor, please consider making a donation or joining Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore to help us continue to share the compelling story of the US Lifesaving Service with future generations of national seashore visitors.



Old Harbor Life-Saving Station, Provincetown (NPS photo)



# Science at the National Seashore: Past, Present and Future

by Bridget Macdonald

Coming from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, which had been established in the 1930s and is among the most diverse national park ecosystems, Vernon “Tommy” Gilbert might have imagined his new position at the national seashore would be like a day at the beach. But the national seashore’s first Chief of Natural Resources had his hands full.

There were no restrictions against driving vehicles through the dunes, private developers had been pushing the limits of construction ahead of the park’s arrival, and there were no permanent scientists on staff. Seasonal rangers helped Gilbert with his main responsibility at the time: creating hiking trails to provide public access to scenic places in the national seashore.

Today, Chief of Natural Resources Shelley Hall oversees a staff of about ten permanent scientists, as well as numerous seasonal workers and interns, specializing in a broad range of resource management issues. Piping plovers, salt marsh restoration, kettle pond monitoring, amphibian monitoring, air quality, acid rain and mercury deposition, vegetation management, exotic species, and coastal geomorphology are but a few.

However different the scope, the mission of the natural resources division has been the same from day the national seashore was established: to protect the natural environment while allowing an appropriate level of human activity.

In a relatively small national park with an enormous human history, it’s an inherently complicated mission. By the time the seashore was founded, Cape Cod had already experienced four centuries of heavy human use. From clearing forests and draining marshes to agriculture and even revegetation efforts, the inhabitants had left an indelible mark on the land.

“Humans have been changing the natural environment on the Cape for centuries,” said Hall. “We are working from an altered baseline.”

## Square One

From the beginning, resource scientists have been trying to pin down the national seashore’s ecological identity. “A lot of what scientists do at this park is not just research; it’s trying to identify what the natural resources are, or were, for managers to really target them,” explains retired national seashore ecologist John Portnoy.

“It was fine to say you wanted to preserve the land in perpetuity, but there had to be some serious thinking about what exactly the goals are,” he continues. “You can’t just

hold the national seashore to 1961 conditions.”

The first wave of scientists working in the park, mostly visiting university researchers, started by trying to figure out what exactly those 1961 conditions were. They studied processes like bluff erosion, dune migration, and sand deposition, and conducted a comprehensive survey of vegetation on the Outer Cape.

Then during the 1970s, the researchers themselves started driving ORVs through the dunes.

“They built a test loop,” says Mark Adams, Cape Cod National Seashore’s Geographic Information Systems specialist. “They would drive around and around to see what the impact was on vegetation,” he explained. “It was this documentation of the effects on the landscape that led to the ORV permit program.”



The issue of ORVs has dominated the list of issues throughout the seashore’s history.

Throughout the national seashore’s history, scientific research has followed a similar course: identify the resources that need protection and then determine the level of human activity that threatens their integrity.

It’s a give-and-take process, necessitated by the unusual circumstances of the national seashore’s establishment. The founding legislation mandated the protection of the Cape’s traditional way of life, as well as its natural and cultural resources.

While the establishment of the national seashore in the midst of six communities was a public policy landmark, it also represented uncharted territory for natural resource science.

“It was sort of an education by and for the scientists,” says Portnoy. It was also an opportunity for them to rediscover a place that had been inhabited for hundreds of years.

## Pioneering Research

Portnoy became the first permanent scientist on staff at the Seashore when he was hired in 1979. With a background in wildlife



GIS Specialist Mark Adams takes an elevation measurement at the Herring River dike.

biology, he was brought on to study the unnaturally large gull population attracted by open landfills on the Outer Cape. But over time, Portnoy became interested in exploring a new scientific frontier that was emerging at the national seashore.

In the 1980s, he and his superiors began to look at the effects of historic diking and draining on salt marsh ecosystems. Eventually, he says, “I morphed from a wildlife biologist to a water chemist.”

Now, salt marsh restoration is among the most critical efforts taking place in the national seashore, and Portnoy has been at the forefront. He was instrumental in the restoration projects at Hatches Harbor in Provincetown and at East Harbor in North Truro, and although retired from the park, he is involved in the ongoing restoration project at the Herring River in Wellfleet.

“There is a lot of altered salt marsh on Cape Cod, and some of the biggest diked salt marshes are within the national seashore,” says Portnoy. “The national seashore inherited these alterations. It’s sort of an accident of history.”

To complicate matters, these historic alterations are embedded in the local communities. David Manski, Chief of Natural Resources from 1988 to 1994, was also involved in the Hatches Harbor restoration project. “I coordinated the planning and design work, but the actual restoration took place after I left,” he says, explaining that the project involved a lengthy negotiation process because of concerns about potential impacts on the Provincetown Airport.

“So the project started before I got there, and ended a year or two after I left,” said Manski, who currently serves as Chief of the Division of Resources Management at Acadia National Park in Maine.

Because of the national seashore’s relationship with the six surrounding towns, even after scientific data has been collected, there has to be local collaboration to effectively address resource management issues.

“Cape Cod is a good training ground for those who are interested in science and resource management,” said Manksi, “but it can be very complicated and stressful.”

He pointed out that the top issues he dealt with as Chief of Natural Resources – like shorebirds, drinking water, and private development – were the same that his predecessor Barbara Samora dealt with and the same that Shelley Hall is dealing with today.

Manski stated, “Some of these problems will be very challenging to solve because of the unique mix of private and public lands contained within the seashore boundary.”

## Lessons from Compromise

The issue of ORVs has dominated the list of issues throughout the national seashore’s history. Mark Adams explains that the first researchers to study the impacts of ORVs in the 1970s began with the question: How

much damage can the dunes handle, and when will they reach the carrying capacity? “They decided we had already passed it,” he says.

From the mid 1970s to the mid 1980s, there were more than a dozen different studies related to ORVs, looking at their impacts on salt marsh vegetation, sediment movement, dune topography, shorebird nesting, and even on the microenvironment found within the high tide drift line on the beach.

Manski came to the Cape in 1988 at the height of the ORV controversy. An ORV management plan had been implemented a few years earlier without any input from vehicle owners or shore fisherman, so the park undertook a more public process to negotiate a new set of rules.

“It was a reality you needed to address. Surf fishing (catching fish standing on the shoreline) is a traditional recreation activity at the park, so there had to be a balancing act with the fishing community,” he explained.

Despite the ups, downs, and perpetual challenges of resource management, the past 50 years are a testament to the value of a comprehensive and inclusive approach to natural resource protection.

Thinking back, Manski pointed out that the top issues were not really just natural-resource issues. “They were about looking at relationships between people and their use of the land,” he said. “Now people have come to realize that even in a traditional western park – like Yellowstone or the Grand Canyon – you can’t manage a park in isolation.”

## The Next 50 Years

Looking forward, Hall said one of her main priorities is to make the work of the natural resources division more accessible to the public through educational programs and citizen science initiatives.

It’s more than just a feel-good mission. On the local level, community involvement will be essential for confronting looming problems with waste disposal and access to drinking water.

In order to address broader issues that have implications for society as a whole, like sea level rise, climate change, and sustainability, generating awareness is critical. “We want to show people how to use observations to ask the right questions, and figure things out,” says Adams. “We rely on the public for values, but we need to empower them to make informed decisions.”

Ultimately, the national seashore’s natural resource managers will continue the effort initiated by the first chief of natural resources: creating public inroads to the park, while trying to minimize the impact on natural resources.

“That’s part of the challenge,” said Hall. “The enabling legislation envisioned a human dimension to this park.



Veteran CACO scientist John Portnoy (Ret.) uses a watercraft to reach survey points on East Harbor. Salt water was reintroduced to East Harbor in 2001.



# The Arts Tradition of the Outer Cape: A Work in Progress

by Bridget Macdonald

On August 27, 1916, a headline in the *Boston Daily Globe* proclaimed: “Biggest Art Colony in the World at Provincetown.” Given the steady decline of the Cape’s traditional maritime industries in the preceding century, these words signaled a promising new era.

The Outer Cape had not only transformed from a maritime economy to a tourist destination, it had become a place where people came for creative inspiration – all in what seemed like the blink of an eye. An 1890 Provincetown business directory had listed just two teachers of oil painting in a place still defined by a seafaring past with trades like boat building, sail making, and sea captaining.

Just twenty-six years later, the *Globe* reporter described an entirely different scene: “There are said to be more than 600 in the colony, from all sections of the United States, including painters, sculptors, etchers, actors, musicians, writers and playwrights of distinction, art students of all kinds, and a choice assortment of professional models...”



Hans Hoffman, *Spring*

Tourists who ventured to the Cape were as intrigued as reporters. According to local lore, visitors would ask immediately upon disembarking from the train or steamship, “Where can we see the artists?”

They didn’t have to look far. According to the *Globe*, there were “easels set up at nearly every house corner and street corner, on wharves, in old boats, in lofts, in yards, along the beach – anywhere and everywhere you go – painters, painters, painters.”

Although nearly a century has passed, a contemporary reporter could write a similar account. At bayside and ocean beaches, along bike paths and roadsides, overlooking harbors and salt marshes, possibly even in old boats, there are still “painters, painters, painters.”

It was artist Charles Webster Hawthorne who brought “plein air” painting to the Cape when he opened the Cape Cod School of Art in Provincetown in 1899. An early American Impressionist, Hawthorne helped liberate the traditionally studio-bound painter by teaching classes outside.



Charles W. Hawthorne painting before students on the beach in Provincetown.



Charles W. Hawthorne, *His First Voyage*

Posing his models on the beaches and wharves of Provincetown, he challenged students to capture the way natural light affected a subject, rather than focus on rendering anatomical details.

In a place surrounded by water, and known for dramatic weather, the changing quality of light created infinite possibilities for artistic interpretation. Within ten years of Hawthorne’s arrival, there were six more art schools in Provincetown alone.

By the time Cape Cod National Seashore came along, the Outer Cape’s cultural pedigree featured big names like Edward Hopper, Jackson Pollack, Charles Demuth, and Eugene O’Neill, as well as numerous other important, if less well-known figures, like Hans Hofmann, Henry Hensche, Milton Avery, Blanche Lazzell, Mary Heaton Vorse, and Edwin Dickinson.



Henry Hensche, *Untitled*

Today, the works of these artists and writers can be found in museums, galleries, theaters, and libraries around the world, but their legacies remain an important part of local history. Many of the places where artists came for inspiration are now within the national seashore, partly to their credit.



Ross Moffet, *Clamdiggers Fleet*

Similar to large western national parks long before the national seashore was conceived, it was writers and artists who brought attention to the majesty of the Outer Cape, creating a visual and literary case for its preservation. It was author Henry David Thoreau who coined the term “The Great Beach” to describe the spectacular stretch of shoreline that traces the Cape.

Painters like Philip Malicoat, Boris Margo, and Franz Kline captured the unique beauty of the dune landscape while working in the isolated shacks along the backshore of Provincetown and Truro.

During the contentious planning process leading up to the park’s establishment, it was local artists and writers, like Ross Moffet and Josephine Del Deo, who advocated for preserving the seashore. They knew what was at stake.

The Outer Cape’s artistic traditions have become as integral to its cultural identity as its maritime heritage, and as sensitive to economic pressures. As second-home owners and retirees have gradually become the most powerful demographic on the Outer Cape, fostering and nurturing the arts has become of increasing importance.

Over the past 50 years, cultural institutions have flourished in the communities around the seashore. The Fine Arts Work Center, The Castle Hill Center for the Arts, the Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater, the Peaked Hill Trust, the Provincetown Community

Compact, the Eastham Painters Guild, and the Provincetown Art Association and Museum, which predates the park, have all played pivotal and distinct roles in sustaining the arts community.

Through fellowships and residency programs, many of these organizations have created opportunities for working artists and writers to experience the beauty and isolation cherished by their predecessors.

Although the countless artists and writers who have come to the Cape over the past century encompass a broad range of styles, mediums, and point-of-views, they have found something in common here.

“Why this phenomenon?” asked historian Ronald A. Kuchta in the catalogue for “Provincetown Painters,” an exhibit shown at the Provincetown Art Association in 1977.

**All photos courtesy of Provincetown Art Association and Museum**



Franz Kilne, *Sue Orr*

For artists, the Outer Cape is a native habitat with no carrying capacity. Inspiration is not a finite resource, and the Cape’s cultural legacy is a perpetual work in progress.

“You don’t just see where the O’Neills or Pollocks or Mailers worked, you work there yourself,” wrote a member of the Peaked Hill Trust in a collection of writing and drawing from 1988. “It’s a living history.”



# Fourteen Momentous Events in Preservation of History at Cape Cod National Seashore

by William Burke, Cape Cod National Seashore Historian

*“There are only two or three human stories, and they go on repeating themselves as fiercely as if they had never happened before.”*

**Willa Cather, “O Pioneers!” (1913)**

It is eye-opening to examine the struggles to create a national seashore on Cape Cod. There were so many compromises, so much careful crafting of boundaries and legislative language. The first staff was overwhelmed with purchasing thousands of land parcels to create the place and readying beaches, trails, and visitor centers. Early proposals trumpeting the national seashore merely mentioned the presence of Indians, Vikings, Pilgrims, and quaint villages. History didn’t matter much yet to the new national seashore.

Saving that history gained momentum by the 1970s. The perseverance of a few national seashore staff members including the first curator, Dorinda Partsch, and early national seashore historians Ed Lohr and Mike Whately, paid dividends. They brought history to the forefront, promoting it by cataloging precious museum items, investigating reported archeology sites and shipwrecks, and opening long-vacant historic structures for interpretive tours. The passage of the National Historic Preservation Act in 1966 created the National Register of Historic Places and mandated that all national park units identify and preserve the cultural resources they owned. Today, local preservation organizations like the Nauset Light Preservation Society and a large cadre of park volunteers partner with the national seashore to help maintain our historic treasures and lead tours through historic sites.

The following 14 events, in chronological order, do not follow a standard pattern or action. Some are more obvious, like rescuing Old Harbor Lifesaving Station from the sea and excavating the Carns Site. Other events are more subtle, like documenting Modern Houses and offering the Endless Summer Conference. In one case, Henry Beston’s return to the Outermost House, a ceremony that took less than a few hours to complete, was emotionally charged and highly symbolic. Without these events, the national seashore’s heritage would be greatly diminished.

## 1. Saving Fort Hill (1961)



The 13 lots of the Fort Hill Estates would never be built. A last-minute gerrymander of the boundary brought the area into the national seashore boundary.

Perhaps the most dramatic story coming out of the birth of the national seashore was the last-minute rescue of Fort Hill from developers. The property had been subdivided by 1961, and a developer had stakes outlining house lots and a graded perimeter road. It had sold 10 of the 33 “Fort Hill Estate” lots. In April 1961, Senate and House sub-

committee members toured the proposed Seashore one last time by helicopter and flew low over Nauset Marsh and landed at Fort Hill. They immediately realized that Fort Hill should be in the national seashore boundary and halted further development. The 50-acre pastoral property possesses what every historian dreams of: multiple layers of the past - the archeological record that is part of the Nauset Archeological District, a National Historic Landmark; open fields and stone walls reminiscent of the agricultural scene; and historic homes including the Captain Edward Penniman House. Today, Fort Hill is the most visited national seashore site after the beaches.

## 2. Donation of the Atwood-Higgins Property (1961)



The Atwood-Higgins House and grounds were a generous gift from the man who had toiled for 40 years to save the property from destruction - George Higgins.

The national seashore had the good fortune from its beginning to have George and Katherine Higgins donate a magnificent corner of Bound Brook Island in Wellfleet. The 45-acre property includes the oldest house owned by the national seashore - the Atwood-Higgins House, circa 1730. The classic full cape house is flanked by an eclectic collection of later vintage buildings that the Higgins’ built, including a quirky country store full of Higgins’ antiques and a tremendous post and beam barn. The national seashore recently completed the National Register listing for the property, and landscape and historic structure reports document in detail the property’s character and significance and prescribe future treatments. Today the public can tour the property and be thankful to George Higgins for saving the house from ruin in the 1920s, and for his generosity to the American people.

## 3. HABS Documentation (1959 - 62)

Anticipating a new national seashore on Cape Cod, the National Park Service wanted to assess the number, location and condition of historic structures within the proposed boundary. Historical architect Ernest Connally of the Historic American Building Survey (HABS) led a preliminary survey in the summer of 1959. He found numerous intact historic houses, mostly private, of “architectural-historical value.” He called for additional field research utilizing a HABS summer recording project crew. For the next three summers, three historical architects, five students and a photographer measured and photographed 86 buildings, providing a valuable baseline for park planners. They overcame two challenges: public skepticism and lack of construction dates since the Barnstable County deed records



Jonah Atkins House on South Pamet Road in Truro, July, 1960. HABS was established during the Great Depression and continues to this day, creating an immense repository of historical and architectural data, measured architectural drawings and photographic records.

had been destroyed by fire in 1827. The work required diplomacy, resulting in Connally’s golden rule: “Do not go to a house without a prearranged introduction from a friend of the owner or occupant.”

## 4. Henry Beston Revisits the Outermost House (October 11, 1964)

For a single moment on a brilliant cold day, writer Henry Beston relived his solitary year (1927-28) in the “Fo’castle,” the isolated cottage atop a dune on Coast Guard Beach in Eastham. This time, Beston was followed by a long list of dignitaries and some 2,000 enthusiastic guests who eagerly waited for a tour of the place. Beston watched as a bronze plaque was placed commemorating the cottage as a National Literary Landmark. This was to be Beston’s last public appearance before his death nearly four years later. The Blizzard of 1978 destroyed the cottage. Today, the Henry Beston Society carries on his legacy.



On October 11, 1964, Henry Beston emerges from the Outermost House after visiting it some 36 years after spending his year alone on the wild beach. Dozens openly wept as Beston recited the last line from his classic, *The Outermost House*: “For the gifts of life are the earth’s and they are given to all, and they are the songs of birds at daybreak, Orion and the Bear, and dawn seen over ocean from the beach.”

At the 1964 event, Massachusetts Governor Endicott Peabody remarked, “The Outermost House, as a testament, has had immeasurable influence. (It) is one of the reasons that the Cape Cod National Seashore exists today, to protect the beach and many acres around it for future generations.”

## 5. Excavation of the Great Island Tavern (1969 - 70)

Sometimes the passage of time can nearly erase past human activity of a place. This was the case in a windswept corner of Great Island that for over two centuries held the buried cobble foundation of a raucous 18th-century tavern. The tavern had been a Wellfleet landmark and had quenched the

thirsts of hard-working in-shore whalers and seaman for a few generations until the in-shore whaling stocks gave out. Local stories over the location of the tavern had abounded for years. Finally, the national seashore sponsored a formal excavation of the tavern site in 1969 through a partnership with Plimoth Plantation. Led by the eminent professor Dr. James Deetz of Brown University, archeologists uncovered over 78,000 artifacts, including clay pipe



Members of the seashore’s advisory commission peer into the cobbled foundation of the Great Island Tavern Site. Archeologists from Plimoth Plantation uncovered 78,000 artifacts, many related to the tavern and whaling activity, by the fall of 1970.

stems that date the site to 1690-1740, bits of ivory fans, smashed drinking containers, a harpoon, and a chopping block crafted from a whale vertebrae.

## 6. Acquisition of the Hay Barge (1969)

Sometimes good fortune arrived at the national seashore’s doorstep. In 1969, the Orleans Historical Society donated a weather-beaten 31’ long x 10’ wide hay barge to the national seashore. After partially restoring the boat in 1973, the national seashore stored it inside an abandoned building at the former North Truro Air Force Station. Thirty years passed until staff renewed the effort to document the boat and put it on display. Additional research concluded that indeed it was an 1850 vessel, a one-of-a-kind survivor from Cape Cod’s agricultural past. It is now displayed at the Salt Pond Visitor Center where one can imagine it hauling cut salt hay from the marsh and later serving as a platform to repair the French Transatlantic cable on the bottom of Town Cove in Orleans.



Officers of the Orleans Historical Society are shown generously donating the hay barge to the Seashore in 1969. New research uncovered the true significance of the barge – a rare 19th-century survivor of Cape Cod’s agricultural past.

The national seashore returned the favor when it transferred ownership of the retired Coast Guard Motor Life Boat CG36500 to the Orleans Historical Society. They restored the boat and during the summer it serves as a living museum at its dock at Rock Harbor, Orleans.



# Fourteen Momentous Events in Preservation History at Cape Cod National Seashore *continued*

## 7. Saving Old Harbor Life-Saving Station (1977 - 78)



The Old Harbor Life-Saving Station as it looked in the fall of 1977, with the ocean at its doorstep. A crane would soon lift it onto a barge, and a tugboat would tow it to the safety of Provincetown Harbor - just months before its likely destruction in the Blizzard of 1978.

Old Harbor Station literally had waves breaking on its front porch by the late 1970s. An 1898 lifesaving station in Chatham that was decommissioned in 1944, its private owners had used it for years as a fishing lodge. Ocean erosion said time was up, and the owners were grateful to sell the imperiled building to the national seashore in 1977. The National Park Service quickly documented its storied past as a home for early lifesavers who rescued shipwreck victims. In a bold move, the national seashore relocated the structure, lifting it by crane above an angry sea onto a waiting barge and transporting it to Provincetown. Escaping the wrath of the Blizzard of 1978, the national seashore finally unloaded the station onto a new foundation near Race Point Beach. Open since for tours, the station received a full restoration in 2008 and will be fully furnished as it would have looked the year it opened. Check in with the Friends of Cape Cod National Seashore for your opportunity to donate to this historic furnishing effort.

## 8. McManamon’s Archeological Survey (1979 - 85)



Archeologists at work on a site at High Head, North Truro, during the Cape Cod National Seashore Archeology Survey. The results of the survey have been published in a series of technical reports, articles, and conference papers, making the Outer Cape one of the most intensively studied and best dated archeological sites in the Northeast.

At its time, The Cape Cod National Seashore Archeological Survey was one of the most thorough and intensive archeological surveys yet conducted in northeastern North America. Over 1,000 acres were field tested by 214 sample units using a systematic shovel test pit discovery procedure. Roughly 200 historic and prehistoric sites were discovered and had additional initial examination tests done to determine their sizes, structure, and contents. Roughly 20 sites, mainly at Nauset and High Head, were examined intensively. The survey used earlier findings from archeologist and noted painter Ross Moffett, who prepared an initial archeology report for the national

seashore in 1962. Francis McManamon, who later returned as the chief archeologist for the entire National Park Service, led the survey and continues to wrap up reports like the just-released volume analyzing faunal (animal bone) remains from the survey.

## 9. Recognition of the Dune Shacks (1989)



The Harry Kemp Shack is the quintessential dune shack with its spartan design and weather-beaten appearance. Poet Harry Kemp lived on and off here for 40 years until his death in 1960. The shack is now one of 18 shacks that make up an historic district.

The 19 little shacks along the weather-beaten beaches of Provincetown and Truro have been belittled by some and revered by others. Seen simply as unwanted squatter shacks early on, the national seashore began demolishing some until a grassroots movement halted the demolitions and documented their history. In 1989, The Peaked Hill Trust and many of the long-time families who lived and loved the shacks were successful in getting the shacks and the landscape around them eligible for the National Register of Historic Places because of the district’s connections to the historic development of art and literature in America. Since that time, the national seashore has worked collaboratively with the community to document the history of the people and their shacks, and is currently working on a preservation and use plan. A number of dune shacks are accessible through non-profit groups, and one shack is open for periodic interpretive ranger tours in summer.

## 10. Excavating the Carns Site (1991)

In 1991, a series of storms forced archeologists to do something they usually don’t prefer to do in a hurry – excavate a site. Dan Carns, a local contractor, had discovered the site after severe beach erosion at Coast Guard Beach in Eastham uncovered a prehistoric hearth. Despite the bitter cold and high tides, NPS archeologists spent two seasons uncovering a 2,000 year old Native American site that had been used primarily in the winter months. The event unfolded before people’s eyes on television and in



Archeologists excavating the Carns Site contended with both the excitement of discovering a 2,000-year-old site and keeping pace with ocean storms that were quickly eroding it. In the end, the ocean won, but only after the archeologists recorded the site for posterity.

newspapers. The recently-completed report on the site was used to help paint the picture of native life near the ocean. Some of the artifacts from the find are on display in the new exhibit on Native Americans at Salt Pond Visitor Center, including a beautiful pot that is perhaps the best preserved object from the site.

## 11. Rescuing Two Lighthouses (1996)

What are the chances that in the same year, two of the most iconic lighthouses on Cape Cod were close to falling into the ocean and needed rescuing? For Highland and Nauset Lights, 1996 was the year of relocation. Both lighthouses had been recently transferred to the NPS by the U.S. Coast Guard, and both were precariously close to the edge of their bluffs in Eastham and Truro. Local preservation efforts raised the Seashore’s awareness of the peril. Highland proved to be the more daunting of the moves as it is a much heavier brick lighthouse. Nauset had already been moved once from Chatham - it is a former Chatham Twin Light - built in the 1920s, and is made out of iron sleeves. Both were successfully moved and continue to be operated for interpretive tours by partner organizations.



Highland Light was moved 450' inland at a snail's pace over several weeks in the summer of 1996. The lighthouse was supported by steel I-beams while hydraulic rams pushed it along rails lubricated with Ivory soap.

## 12. Identifying Modern Architecture (2003 - Present)

This topic took the national seashore staff and the community completely by surprise. Just when we figured that we were done identifying the important history in the national seashore, a few key people in the community, one being architect Peter McMahon of Wellfleet, began meeting with the national seashore historian to identify a remarkable untold story: out in the isolated pine woods of Wellfleet and Truro lay modest flat-roofed houses, most barely 50 years old, that were designed by prominent modern architects like Marcel Breuer and Serge Chermayoff. By 2003, the national seashore identified five houses, such as the Gips House in Wellfleet, that were historic. An ongoing study will likely identify over 100 significant houses within the national seashore boundary, including at least ten owned by the seashore. The national seashore has leased one to the emerging Cape



The Sirna Studio on an ocean bluff in Wellfleet was designed in 1960 by noted architect Victor Civkin. Its unusual trapezoidal plan with nine large vertical window bays served as an art studio, while the Sirna’s main vacation home was on Long Pond, a short distance to the west.

Cod Modern House Trust, and other leases are in the works. Significant history can be right under your nose.

## 13. The Endless Summer Conference (2004)

For those who were involved, it comes as no surprise that a conference made this list. This three-day meeting brought together the National Park Service, faculty for UMASS Amherst, and concerned citizens to brainstorm ways of preserving Cape Cod’s delicate coastal community character from threats like over-development and the decline of maritime trades. It examined what made this place special, and how an unusual alliance between the forces of affordable housing, working waterfronts, and smart growth and redevelopment could help preserve the look and feel of the Outer Cape’s quaint villages. Attendees were an eclectic mix including town planners and zoning board members, local business owners, harbor masters, shell fisherman, realtors, and chambers of commerce. Follow-up sessions created a final report recommending specific initiatives for the future.

## 14. Rediscovery of H.M.S. Somerset (1973, 2010)

This famous shipwreck lies beneath the sands along the outer beach in Provincetown. She was a powerful British warship that helped shape the course of American history. With 64 mounted guns and a crew of 400, the Somerset brought British power to the North Atlantic in the 18th century. During the American Revolution, her presence influenced the outcomes of the battles of Lexington and Concord and Bunker Hill. An intense storm drove the Somerset onto the shallow Peaked Hill Bars on November 2, 1778. Her remains have only resurfaced above the sand three times since - 1885,



After nearly a century after its last sighting, storms exposed the remains of the shipwreck Somerset off a Provincetown beach in 1973. Rangers and interested bystanders help salvage some of the mammoth timbers from the wreck. (Photo courtesy of Harold Nilsson.)

1973, and 2010. In 1973, national seashore staff removed many of her large timbers. In spring 2010, we enlisted the help of a 3-D laser scanning team from Harry R. Feldman, Inc., to create the first digital archive of the remaining visible timbers of the wreck. Now precise images and global positioning provide a permanent record of the site even if she fails to resurface again.



# A New Neighbor on Cape Cod: Reflections on the National Seashore

For many people, the creation of a national seashore on Cape Cod was a foregone conclusion. The day after President Kennedy signed the founding legislation, a Boston Globe editorial commended the effort to “save one of the country’s most magnificent stretches of shoreline.” The bill’s co-author, Senator Leverett Saltonstall of Dover, Mass., proclaimed that the park would be “dedicated to the spiritual replenishment of American families increasingly locked in urbanization and commercialization who see the refreshing beauty and natural grandeur of the clean, open spaces.”

Yet for families on the Outer Cape, this was not just a stretch of shoreline, or an open space. It was home.

In March 1959, an editorial in the Cape Codder spoke to the conflicting emotions surrounding the proposal for a national seashore: “Cape Cod National Seashore – Blight or Blessing?” When the national seashore became a reality in August 1961, headlines from the Provincetown Advocate (now the Banner) reflected the continuing concerns: “Reactions Differ on Park Taking” and “Questions Arise About Park Lands.”

While Cape Codders are still weighing the pros and cons of the national park in their midst, reflections from the three largest newspapers on the Outer Cape confirm that without a doubt, the national seashore is now an important member of the community.

- Bridget Macdonald



**William Mills, Editorial Page Editor, October 5, 2008**

“The seashore is a sort of neutral ground, a most advantageous point from which to contemplate this world.”  
- Henry David Thoreau

Writing more than 150 years about the wide-open spaces of the Outer Cape, Thoreau said: “A man may stand there and put all America behind him.”

Imagine Cape Cod, indeed imagine America, if there were no National Seashore. The 43,000 acres that comprise the Cape Cod National Seashore from Eastham to Provincetown represent nothing less than an ornate bridal veil that gently protects golden strands of beach, curling surf, and bejeweled ponds and hills.

Creating the park, however, was no easy feat. After all, in 1955 the National Park Service proposed a park that would encompass, among other parcels, 70 percent of Truro and more than half of Wellfleet. Unlike Yellowstone or other national parks, this “national seashore” on Cape Cod would include a large number of commercial and residential properties. It was a first in Park Service history.

Months of hearings and meetings were required to produce a bill that balanced private and public interests – a balance that is still being sought by park managers to this day.

As expected, Outer Cape residents of the late 1950s voiced concerns about the widespread use of eminent domain to pry

national park lands from private hands. Although the government offered a fair-market price for much of the land, some property had been in the same families for generations.

Despite opposition, a Truro resident summed up the emerging consensus: “I think the time has passed when we old-timers can hope that Cape Cod will stay the way it is. ... We have absolute proof it is going to change, and then the issue is, should it be done by bulldozers? By money-mad people? By builders wanting quick jobs? Or is it to be done by the U.S. government in another manner?”

As a result, legislation providing for the establishment of the Cape Cod National Seashore was introduced in the Senate on Sept. 3, 1959. Sens. John F. Kennedy and Leverett Saltonstall and U.S. Rep. Hastings Keith, who represented the Cape in the House, supported the plan. The legislators represented both political parties.

On June 27, 1961, the Senate passed the bill unanimously. A few weeks later, the House passed a similar bill. On Aug. 7, seven months after moving into the White House, President Kennedy signed the Cape Cod National Seashore bill.

Today, 50 years later, because of the untiring efforts of citizens and community leaders, a special place, a vast park has been permanently protected so future generations can stand there and put all America behind them.



**Carol K. Dumas, Managing Editor, January 28, 2011**

When the idea for a national seashore park for Cape Cod was first put forward, The Cape Codder newspaper was solidly behind it even though there was initial public opposition to the plan. The idea of the Outer Cape communities giving up ownership of their land was anathema to many, and in fact, The Cape Codder’s backing of the national seashore caused it to lose many advertisers.

As our editor Malcolm Hobbs wrote in a March 12, 1959 editorial: “We are well aware that there is legitimate objection to the incursion of the Federal behemoth. We have felt the same aversion ourselves. But over the years, we have become convinced that only radical treatment will save the day for prosperity on Cape Cod. And a desecrated Cape Cod will not be a prosperous Cape Cod. Let’s cut the know and save the Cape we love.”

How telling those lines are today as many Cape Codders look today at the vast lands within Cape Cod National Seashore as representative of the “real” Cape Cod.



**Alix Ritchie, Founder  
February 3, 2011**

The Cape Cod National Seashore’s 50th anniversary offers a fitting opportunity to look at what the Cape Cod National Seashore has meant to the Outer Cape, and to Provincetown in particular.

In many ways Provincetown was the town most affected by the creation of the national park, situated as it is within the Province Lands, which were transferred from the commonwealth to the federal government, a more distant entity.

On the one hand it has meant that the lands on the Outer Cape and along the Atlantic beach will be protected — an invaluable legacy. And, looking at shoreline development in areas without such protection, we have a lot to be thankful for.

On the other hand, the National Park Service, built on a military model, values consistency. Yet, the Seashore doesn’t fit the standard NPS model: it has not only development within the park but whole towns, and thereby inherits an odd responsibility

for what happened in the 50 years since the Seashore’s inception came true: Cape Cod has become built up with businesses and homes, from Bourne to Provincetown.

If not for Cape Cod National Seashore, surely developers would certainly have scooped up the oceanfront vistas we enjoy today up, as they are elsewhere across the peninsula and across other coastal areas across the U.S. Can you imagine motels on Nauset Light Beach?

Cape Cod National Seashore has contributed to the quality of life we enjoy on the Outer Cape. Those of us blessed to live in the towns within the Seashore enjoy the trails and beaches year round. The preserved vistas have inspired artists, the Seashore itself is a laboratory for scientific research and its natural resources have spawned curricula in our schools.

The advent of the Seashore has not been without controversy, but we challenge anyone to disagree that its establishment was not in the best interest of Cape Cod, the nation, and future visitors and residents.

for the survival and success of those towns. It’s more than just being a good neighbor: there is a community as well as an environmental caretaking that is needed.

Many of the resulting concerns were addressed in the park’s last master plan — not solved necessarily, but not brushed under the rug either. Collaboration was the concept called for in the plan, and as we look to the next 50 years it certainly will be needed.

We hope that the Seashore hews to its plan and embraces the need for collaboration in helping the towns survive and thrive, and we hope that the towns hew to the concept as well in preserving the Outer Cape for future generations.

Together, we owe it to those who will follow after us to ensure that both the grandeur of the seashore and the historic and vibrant communities of the Outer Cape continue to be protected.

## Cape Cod National Seashore Has Gone Green!

*Learn more and “Do Your Part” at [www.nps.gov/climatefriendlyparks](http://www.nps.gov/climatefriendlyparks).*

holds annually.) After a workshop with park staff, stakeholders, and Washington Office representatives, the seashore developed an Action Plan to help us set and achieve emissions reduction goals. By 2020, the park will have reduced its total emissions by 20%. What this means is that change is required – on all our parts. Park staff is doing its part: from little things like turning off computer monitors, to big things like driving fewer miles in more fuel-efficient vehicles. We’re also striving to make it easier for our visitors to enjoy a green park experience. As we move forward, look for more car-free visitation opportunities: from increased public transportation options to improved bicycling infrastructure. But nature’s not waiting for us: Cape Cod is seeing the effects of climate change in terms of sea level rise, changes in kettle pond water quality, and impacts on local flora and fauna. Let’s all start today by driving less, reducing waste, and using less energy. We’ll all breathe easier tomorrow!



There’s a new “green standard” here at Cape Cod National Seashore. After several years of planning and progress, this spring the seashore was officially accepted into the National Park Service’s Climate Friendly Parks program. To date, fewer than 65 parks have fully completed the process, and Cape Cod National Seashore’s official designation as a Climate Friendly Park is truly a milestone.

A 2007 baseline inventory found that the seashore’s total greenhouse gas emissions (including park operations, concessionaires, and visitor activities) were equivalent to 3,303 metric tons of carbon dioxide (roughly comparable to the amount emitted by 281 house-



# The Cape’s Superintendents Have Searched for Common Ground in Shifting Sand

by Bridget Macdonald

For millions of summer visitors who have come to the Cape over the past 50 years, the national seashore represents a peaceful retreat. For the park’s top administrators, it sometimes looks more like a battlefield.

Since a proposal to preserve the Outer Cape was first put forward in 1939, the national seashore has been a source of controversy. As one of the first national parks to be established in a pre-populated area, the misgivings of locals simply came with the territory.

From the beginning, superintendents at Cape Cod have had to assume a complicated balancing act in order to address the needs of various stakeholders while protecting cultural and natural resources.

Reflecting on their experiences in office, four superintendents spoke to the challenges and rewards that accompany the top post at the national seashore. Despite their different approaches, there was overwhelming agreement on one thing: the relationships with the local communities are of utmost importance.

## Herbert Olsen, 1979 to 1989

Although Olsen came to the Cape with a background in history, he became a champion for natural resources during his time at the national seashore. Olsen helped create the Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Management Plan, held a controversial stance against preserving the dune shacks in Truro and Provincetown, and was the first superintendent charged with protecting the piping plover, which was listed as an endangered species in 1986.

### Greatest challenge:

Olsen says the constant battle to restrict ORVs was both his biggest challenge and greatest success. His ORV management plan permanently closed public access to the inner-dune routes in the Province Lands and to the beach between High Head in Truro and the Wellfleet town line. It also limited ORV use to a six-month season. While later negotiations allowed ORV use to continue along 12 miles of beach in Provincetown and Truro, access to these routes is subject to the whims of Mother Nature: namely, erosion and nesting shorebirds. “It’s a never-ending issue,” says Olsen.

### Leadership philosophy:

Upholding the integrity of the environment was Olsen’s No. 1 priority, and the primary factor in all of his decisions. “The most important thing was always the preservation of the seashore,” says Olsen.

### Words of wisdom:

“Above all, you come to the Cape with an open mind. The Cape is unique. It’s different. You have to serve six towns, and so you have to learn to adjust to the different views of local politicians.”

### Favorite place in the national seashore:

The Marconi Station Site and the park headquarters in Wellfleet.

### Looking back:

“I think it was a satisfying experience, overall. Challenging, but satisfying.”

## Andy Ringgold, 1989 to 1995

“There was never a dull moment,” says Ringgold of his tenure on the Cape. Coming off a five-year stint in Washington, D.C., where he had helped work on the ORV regulations that Herb Olsen was developing, Ringgold was no stranger to problem-solving. But at the national seashore, there was another dimension: collaborating with the local communities.

### Greatest challenge:

Not long after Ringgold came to the Cape, he received a request to renew the special-

use permit for the Provincetown dump. He denied the permit and spent the next five years working to close the landfill and sewage lagoons. “It was a very controversial, divisive issue,” he remembers. On top of being an eyesore, the dump was impacting groundwater quality and had attracted an unnaturally large population of gulls. Ultimately, Ringgold said, closing the dump was “a win for Provincetown and the park.”

### Leadership philosophy:

Ringgold says on the surface, many of the issues he dealt with appeared to be either/or - “either a solution for recreation and access, or for protection of the resources” – but he always looked for middle ground. “Decisions were made closer to the center, with conditions, restrictions, and agreed-upon compromises that would keep the values of the park service intact but also accommodate specific values.”

### Words of wisdom:

“Come in with your eyes open and don’t let your initial reactions be based on past experiences,” he says. “Very seldom is there really a need to be at loggerheads over issues. It can be an effective way to get people to the table, but in the end you never really accomplish anything.”

### Favorite place in the national seashore:

The stretch of shoreline from Coast Guard Beach in Eastham to the opening of the Nauset Inlet. “Depending on what was happening with the inlet, sometimes it was a short walk and sometimes it was long walk, but in all types of weather, it was spectacular. It really gives a flavor of what this part of the country is about.”

### Looking back:

“Just about everything important about that job was new to my experience. It was a tremendous learning experience, one of the most rewarding of my career.”

## Maria Burks, 1995 to 2004

Before coming to the Cape, Burks had spent her career working in urban settings, like Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the San Francisco Bay Area, or focusing on cultural resource issues at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Battlefields in Virginia. The advantage: she was not intimidated by the prospect of working with local stakeholders. “In Fredericksburg, the communities surrounding the battlefield looked at the park as a federal interloper, so land issues and boundary issues had occupied a huge percentage of my time.”

### Greatest challenge:

Burks arrived just in time to inherit the national seashore’s contentious new General Management Plan. Leaders in Truro and Provincetown had lobbied for changes in



Atlantic coastline, Wellfleet, photo by Amber Jane Barricman

the document regarding policies that affected the local communities. With no previous experience working on a management plan, Burks says, “I had to start swimming hard.”

Natural resource management was also unfamiliar territory. With a background in anthropology, Burks likens coming to the Cape with a crash course in environmental science. “I had to learn all about littoral drift, mange, and the difference between plants like Phragmites and Spartina.”

### Leadership philosophy:

“Listen, listen, listen,” she says. When dealing with a multitude of stakeholders, she said there is almost always a place where your interests overlap. “The voice you need to listen to is the one that disagrees with you. That’s the one that lets you know what has been overlooked in the dialogue.”

### Words of wisdom:

“The sense of isolation here is a mindset. It’s not combative, but it’s the attitude that we go it alone,” she explains. “It’s very important to get the flavor of the place quickly. Each town has a distinct personality. Get out there and get to know them. Be visible and be transparent in everything you do.”

### Favorite place in the national seashore:

The hike from Bearberry Hill to the site of the Ball Estate in Truro. “I just like the change in landscape – forest, beach, heathlands – you encounter almost every kind of terrain there is on Cape Cod.”

### Looking back:

“Over the nine years, I really fell in love with the Cape, and I really didn’t expect to. I had always been a mountains kind of girl. But it’s amazing how lovely it is there.”

## George Price, 2005 to present

Price was on track for a career teaching social studies when he began volunteering at Morristown National Historical Park in his native New Jersey. The rest is history: his interest in cultural resources led him to sites like Lowell National Historical Park, Minute Man National Historical Park, and the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area, where he served as the first superintendent. But it was science that attracted him to the Cape. “I was particularly interested in the natural history and resources program,” he says. “I was excited about what scientists were doing here.”

### Greatest challenge:

As the current superintendent, everything is still a work in progress for Price. But he said the headway he has made working with the dune shack community has been a major landmark. During monthly meetings last year, Price worked with members of the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, dune shack inhabitants, and residents of Provincetown to draft a preservation and use plan for the shacks. “Pulling all that together to help define the future for that historic district is very significant,” he says. “It was a real team effort.”

### Leadership philosophy:

“My predecessor worked very hard at reaching out to the communities and working with them on mutual issues,” he says. “That is my philosophy as well.”

### Words of wisdom:

“Just because the park was established 50 years ago doesn’t mean everything here is static,” says Price. Before coming to the Cape, he said he assumed the national seashore’s management policies would be set in stone. “Not only is the shoreline changing, but the relationship with the communities is changing, the pressure on resources is changing. There is a continual state of discussion around things like zoning, and water, because so many of these issues remain in flux.”

### Favorite place in the national seashore:

“I’ve talked a lot in the past about how Fort Hill is one of my favorite places in the world,” says Price. “It’s just so inspiring.”

### Looking forward:

“On the Outer Cape in 1959, there was somehow a feeling that you could capture this place,” says Price about the days when the legislation to protect the seashore was just taking shape. “But the Cape is subject to the same environmental and social issues as anyplace else. And the national seashore is totally integrated with six towns - living communities. They have the pressures of millions of visitors, and of changing demographics from when the seashore was first conceived,” he said.

In just 50 years, the Cape has transitioned from a place characterized by small fishing villages, to one dominated by wealthy second-home owners and retirees. “We have to try to figure out how to make the best decisions possible to keep the essence and spirit of this area alive for future generations.” Ultimately, Price says, “The success of the towns will be success for the seashore.”





# The Cape Cod Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights

*Cape Cod Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights asserts that every child should have the opportunity to:*

***Go Beachcombing to Collect Shells and Stones.***

The edge between land and sea is a world waiting to be discovered each and every day. Find a sea clam shell and take it home to use as a soap dish; find a scallop shell to decorate your room; collect jingle shells to make a wind chime. On Cape Cod we see species that don’t live farther north; we also see species that don’t live farther south...which means there’s a lot to see!



***Climb a Lighthouse.***

A link to the past, lighthouses stand as reminders of the Cape’s maritime heritage. The stairway winding its way to the top of Nauset Light in Eastham has 44 steps...that’s good exercise! The history of our local lighthouses stretches back to the late 1700s. Several are open to the public at various times of the year, so check out the view!

***Play in the Water – Ride a Wave...***

...on a boogie board, surfboard, or your belly – make the ocean part of your playground. Learning to swim boosts self-confidence and improves all-around fitness. Kettle ponds provide quiet water for exploring and gaining experience. Cape Cod has over 500 miles of coastline, and the fun doesn’t stop at the water’s edge.

***Eat a Cranberry and a Wild Beach Plum.***

Nature provides its own grocery store, and learning about edible plants on Cape Cod is fun and fascinating. Cape Codders have been making beach plum jelly every fall for hundreds of years. Fresh and tangy, cranberries are delicious... and high in Vitamin C, but ssshhh! Don’t tell anyone they’re actually good for you!



***Hold a Hermit Crab.***

It takes patience, gentleness, and keen observation to coax a hermit crab out of its shell. Cultivating these skills early in childhood is repaid a thousand times over our adult lives. “New studies suggest that exposure to nature may reduce the symptoms of ADHD, and that it can improve all children’s cognitive abilities.” (Louv, 2006) They tickle!

***Take a Boat Ride.***

Canoe Nauset Marsh, go on a whale watch, sail in Pleasant Bay...whatever your vessel of choice, get out on the water. Being out on the water looking back at the land provides a completely different perspective. What a great opportunity for family time! On boats, parents and children work together and learn together.

***Catch a Fish and Eat a Clam.***

It’s important to know where your food comes from, and there’s satisfaction in knowing you harvested that food with your own two hands. Locals have been making their living from the sea since the 1700s. Today, commercial fishing is still a multi-million dollar industry on Cape. Fish is high in protein, low in fat, and a good source of Omega-3 fatty acids for a healthy heart!

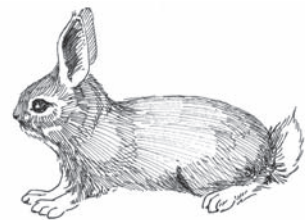


***Create a Sand Sculpture.***

Treat the beach as a blank canvas, and let creativity run amok! The delight is in the details. Cape Cod’s sand is ideal for sculpting – made up of quartz and feldspar with dashes of magnetite and garnet thrown in for a beautiful concoction. Make sure you take a photo, because nothing’s permanent on the beach!

***Hike the Quiet Woods.***

A quiet walk in the woods is like eavesdropping on nature’s conversations, and there’s always something good to learn! Cape Cod National Seashore has 14 miles of self-guiding nature trails awaiting exploration. 16% of US children today are overweight, triple 1980 figures (www.cdc.gov). Walking builds stamina, cardiovascular vigor, and muscular strength.



***Enjoy a Campfire at the Beach.***

Stargazing, s’mores, ghost stories – all of these are better at a campfire on the beach! Nighttime doesn’t have to be “fright-time;” in fact, it’s the best time for viewing some animals and for learning about our own adaptations. The average American child spends more than six hours a day staring at some kind of electronic screen (Kaiser Family Foundation). How about staring at the night sky instead?

# Junior Ranger Program

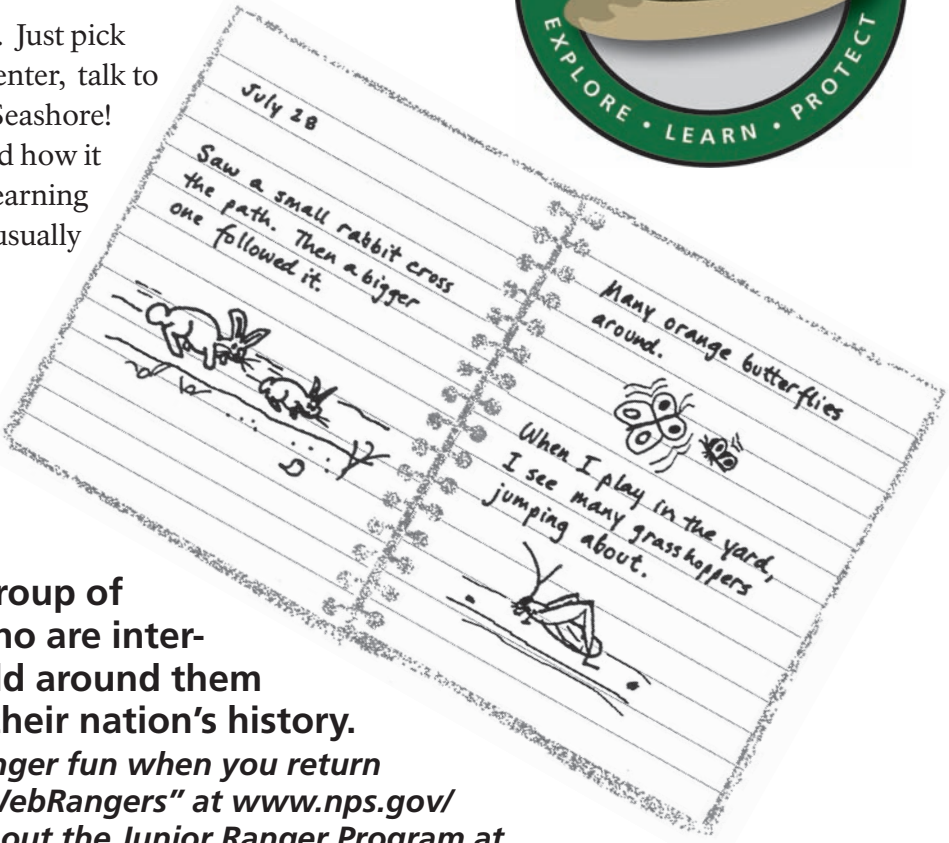
**What is a Junior Ranger? A Junior Ranger is: ...a Caretaker ...an Adventurer ... a Learner ...a Seeker ...a Discoverer... A Junior Ranger could be... YOU!**



If you are between the ages of 5 and 12, you can start the Junior Ranger journey. Just pick up the small *Junior Ranger* booklet at the Salt Pond or Province Lands visitor center, talk to one of the rangers at the desk, and you’re ready to explore Cape Cod National Seashore! Being a Junior Ranger means you understand how special national parks are and how it is up to all of us to help protect them in the future. We hope you will have fun learning about this park and the many others that also have Junior Ranger programs. It usually takes about two days to complete the program.



**We invite you to become a Cape Cod National Seashore Junior Ranger. You will join a growing group of young people who are interested in the world around them and involved in their nation’s history. For more Junior Ranger fun when you return home, check out “WebRangers” at [www.nps.gov/webangers](http://www.nps.gov/webangers). Check out the Junior Ranger Program at other national parks you may visit in the future!**





# Looking Back: Milestones for the National Seashore and Surrounding Communities

by Bridget Macdonald

**1961**  
President Kennedy signs the legislation establishing Cape Cod National Seashore.

The Atwood-Higgins property on Bound Brook Island in Wellfleet, encompassing an original 1730s Cape Cod style home, is donated to the National Park Service.

Cape Cod Community College is established as the second institution in what is now a 15-member community-college system in Massachusetts.

**1964**  
A storm surge breaches the Long Point spit in Provincetown. National seashore staff repair the break with bulldozers and sand bags.

**1965**  
Salt Pond Visitor Center opens in Eastham.

**1966**  
Cape Cod National Seashore is dedicated in a ceremony at the Salt Pond Visitor Center.

**1968**  
The Fine Arts Work Center is founded at the former Days Lumberyard Studios in Provincetown.

**1969**  
Province Lands Visitor Center opens.

**1970**  
The Wellfleet Tavern archaeological site at Great Island is excavated. Most of the artifacts uncovered are drinking vessels and pipe stems.

**1971**  
The Castle Hill Center for the Arts opens in a former barn in Truro.

**1972**  
Thousands of people attend a rock concert staged at the Province Lands Visitor Center’s amphitheater. Cars are parked all along Route 6 in Provincetown, and the crowds cover the dunes around the visitor center.

**1973**  
A storm uncovers timbers from the *H.M.S. Somerset*, the British Man-of-War wrecked off Peaked Hill Bars in North Truro during the Revolutionary War. It is the first time remains of the wreck have been seen since the 1880s.

**1974**  
The Marconi Station Site, commemorating Italian wireless inventor Guglielmo Marconi, is dedicated in a ceremony in South Wellfleet.

**1975**  
The Dolphin Fleet whale watch is founded in Provincetown.

**1976**  
The Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies is founded with a mission to conduct scientific research related to marine mammals and ecosystems of the North Atlantic. Since 1984, the Center has been freeing whales from life-threatening entanglements using a modification of an old whaling technique.

**1977**  
The Old Harbor Life-Saving Station is moved from its original location at Old Harbor in Chatham due to concerns about erosion. After spending a winter

aboard a barge anchored in Provincetown Harbor, the 1898 station is relocated to Race Point Beach.

**1978**  
The infamous Blizzard of ‘78 sweeps the Outermost House from the spit south of Eastham’s Coast Guard Beach into the sea. The shack was immortalized in Henry Beston’s account of his time living there in the 1920s.

The first Beach Apparatus Drill demonstration is performed at Coast Guard Beach in Eastham. Today the drill is performed every week in July and August at the Old Harbor Life-Saving Station at Race Point Beach.

**1981**  
Cape Cod National Seashore celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Eastham Painters Guild is founded. The Guild holds outdoor art shows throughout the summer on the lawn of the School House Museum in Eastham.

**1985**  
The Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater is founded in a small, former nightclub beside Wellfleet Harbor. In 2007, WHAT opens the more accommodating Julie Harris Stage in a former post office building off Route 6 in Wellfleet, but still uses the original Harbor Stage for small productions.

The Peaked Hill Trust is founded in an effort to protect the dune shacks in the Province Lands. Today the non-profit organization manages some of shacks, and runs an artist-in-residence program in collaboration with the Castle Hill Center for the Arts, Provincetown Art Association and Museum, and the Fine Arts Work Center.

**1986**  
The Piping Plover becomes a federally protected species under the Endangered Species Act.

**1989**  
The Three Sisters Lighthouses in Eastham are restored and opened to the public.

The Keeper of the National Register determines that the dune shacks and the surrounding landscape are eligible to be listed as a historic district on the National Register.

**1990**  
Eastham resident Dan Carns discovers the remains of a prehistoric hearth at Coast Guard Beach in Eastham. An archaeological survey of what is known as the Carns Site followed in 1991 and revealed a treasure trove of 2,000-year-old artifacts from the Middle Woodland Period, including shards of pottery, stone tools and projectile points.

**1991**  
The Atlantic Ocean breaches the dunes at Ballston Beach in Truro during the Perfect Storm.

**1993**  
The Provincetown Community Compact is founded. The non-profit organization runs the annual Swim for Life AIDS fundraiser in Provincetown, and manages artist-in-residence and writer-in-residence programs in the dune shacks.

**1994**  
Cape Cod National Seashore is designed

a prototype park in the National Park Service’s Inventory and Monitoring Program, an effort to comprehensively catalogue and monitor flora and fauna in federally protected areas.

The National Seashore acquires the former North Truro Air Force Station. The 110-acre campus overlooking the Atlantic is now the site of the Highlands Center.

**1995**  
A negotiated rule-making process began for off road vehicle use resulting in new regulations intended to provide management flexibility without additional threats to resources.

**1996**  
Highland Light is moved 450 feet back from its precarious spot on the bluff in North Truro. Two weeks later, Nauset Light is moved back 300 feet from the edge of the cliff in Eastham.

**1998**  
Cape Cod National Seashore’s “Forging a Collaborative Future” General Management Plan is finalized.


**2001**  
Cape Cod National Seashore celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**2003**  
Marconi Day commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first two-way trans-Atlantic wireless communication, transmitted in Morse code between President Theodore Roosevelt and King Edward VII from stations in South Wellfleet and England on January 18, 1903.

**2010**  
The North of Highland Camping Area in North Truro is permanently protected from development through a conservation easement managed by the National Park Service. The 57-acre campground was the largest remaining parcel of privately owned land within the National Seashore.

**2011**  
Cape Cod National Seashore celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## Scenic Routes and Overlooks



View of Nauset Marsh from Fort Hill area, Eastham

At Cape Cod National Seashore, opportunities for inspiration, reflection, and renewal abound. Use this information, in conjunction with the park map, to discover the drama of the ocean surf, or the subtle beauty of a cultural landscape. Allow 15 to 30 minutes at each site to take in the view, or walk to a scenic overlook.

### Eastham

**Fort Hill Area - off Route 6.** Open fields, views of Nauset Marsh, historic Penniman House (occasional scheduled tours and open houses). Access to Red Maple Swamp Trail. Limited parking. Seasonal restrooms.

**Coast Guard and Nauset Light beaches, Nauset and Three Sisters lighthouses -** off Route 6 at the traffic light at Nauset Road near Salt Pond Visitor Center. Ocean View Drive in Eastham affords ocean and marsh views, and an opportunity to see historic lighthouses. Seasonal restrooms at beaches. Seasonal beach fee may apply. Highly congested in summer; spring and fall use recommended.

### Wellfleet

**Atwood-Higgins House -** inquire at visitor centers for directions. 18<sup>th</sup>-century Cape house (occasional scheduled tours and open houses) accessed from true “back roads”, to Bound Brook Island. Caution: Circuitous, narrow roads. Limited parking.

**Marconi Station Site -** off Route 6, at the traffic light at Marconi Station area. High sand cliffs above the ocean, and the history of Marconi and his wireless radio station. Interpretive exhibit. Overlook platform. Access to Atlantic White Cedar Swamp Trail. Seasonal restrooms.

### Truro

**Highland Lighthouse (Cape Cod Light) and Highland House -** off Route 6, at the North Highland Road exit, North Truro. The oldest lighthouse on Cape Cod, and adjacent museum (open seasonally, fees). Overlook platform. Seasonal restrooms.

**Pilgrim Heights - look for National Park Service sign off Route 6, North Truro.** Viewpoint overlooks kettle hole, with distant views of the sand dunes of the Province Lands. Access to Pilgrim Heights Trail. Picnic area. Seasonal restrooms.

### Provincetown

**Old Harbor Life-Saving Station -** at Race Point Beach, off Race Point Road. Historic structure at Race Point Beach (occasional scheduled open houses), with dune and ocean views. Seasonal beach fee may apply.

**Race Point Road -** off Route 6 at Race Point Road traffic light. Scenic, two-mile road through beech and oak forest, and the Province Lands dunes. Connects Race Point Beach to Province Lands Road. Herring Cove Beach loop (additional two miles). Access to Beech Forest Trail, Province Lands Bicycle Trail, and Province Lands Visitor Center (seasonal).



# Historic Buildings at Cape Cod National Seashore

## The Penniman House, Eastham

The Penniman House, completed in 1868, was styled after the French Second-Empire period. It included every known comfort of the day and many innovative ideas. The Captain Edward Penniman family enjoyed this fine home for nearly 100 years. Off Route 6, approximately one mile north of the Orleans rotary, at Fort Hill in Eastham. Seasonal tours and open houses. Limited parking.



## Nauset Light, Eastham

Lighthouses have served as guides to mariners off Cape Cod shores since the late 1700s. Nauset Light, moved in 1996, remains a navigational aid. Nauset Light Preservation Society volunteers conduct tours in July and August on Wednesdays and Sundays from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. Donations accepted. [www.nausetlight.org](http://www.nausetlight.org). Take Route 6 to the traffic light at Salt Pond Visitor Center at Nauset Road in Eastham. Turn onto Nauset Road and follow signs to Coast Guard and Nauset Light beaches. Park at Nauset Light Beach. *(Beach fee may apply.)*



## The Three Sisters Lighthouses, Eastham

These 19th-century wooden lighthouses that once provided a beacon for sailors off the shore of Nauset Light Beach are now arranged in their original configuration off Cable Road. Seasonal tours and open houses. Located ¼ mile west of Nauset Light on Cable Road. *(Beach fee may apply.)* ♿



## Atwood-Higgins House, Wellfleet

The Atwood-Higgins House is a fine example of a properly-framed Cape Cod cottage, which grew from a half-house in the early 1700s to a full-Cape with eight rooms by the 19th century. Take Route 6. Turn onto Pamet Point Road in Wellfleet at the Truro town line. Take Pamet Point Road and follow signs to Atwood-Higgins. Seasonal tours and open houses. Limited parking.

## Highland Light and Highland House, Truro

**Highland Light:** Open daily mid-May through mid-October. Light-house tours daily 10 AM to 5:30 PM, \$4 all ages. Children must be 48" tall. 508-487-1121. [www.capecodlight.org](http://www.capecodlight.org). **Highland House Museum:** Monday to Saturday: 10 AM to 4:30 PM through September. \$4 adults, 12 and under and members free. [www.truro-historical.org](http://www.truro-historical.org). *Directions to both:* Take the Cape Cod Light exit off Route 6 onto Highland Road, and follow signs.



## Pamet Cranberry Bog House, Truro

Originally constructed around 1830, the Bog House is located among former cranberry bogs in the Pamet Valley. It supported cranberry harvesting that occurred there until the 1960s. Views of the house can be seen from atop Bearberry Hill. Follow North Pamet Road in Truro, off Route 6, to its end. Limited parking.

## Old Harbor Life-Saving Station, Provincetown

At Old Harbor, the National Park Service interprets the dramatic story of shipwrecks and the role of the U.S. Lifesaving Service in preventing shipwrecks and performing rescues. During the summer months, re-enactments of the historical breeches buoy drill are performed weekly. Take Route 6 to Race Point Road in Provincetown. Park at Race Point Beach. Seasonal open houses. *(Beach fee may apply.)*



# Enhance Your Park Experience

Visit the bookstores at Cape Cod National Seashore while you're here.



**Featuring an exclusive selection of Cape Cod National Seashore 50th-anniversary commemorative items**

**PLUS guidebooks, local cookbooks and Cape Cod classics...**



**logo hats and t-shirts, posters, puzzles, maps and cards jellies and candies...**

**Open year round at Salt Pond Visitor Center, and seasonally at Province Lands Visitor Center**  
**Order by phone: 508-255-6860**

**By mail: Eastern National, 50 Nauset Road, Eastham, MA 02642**

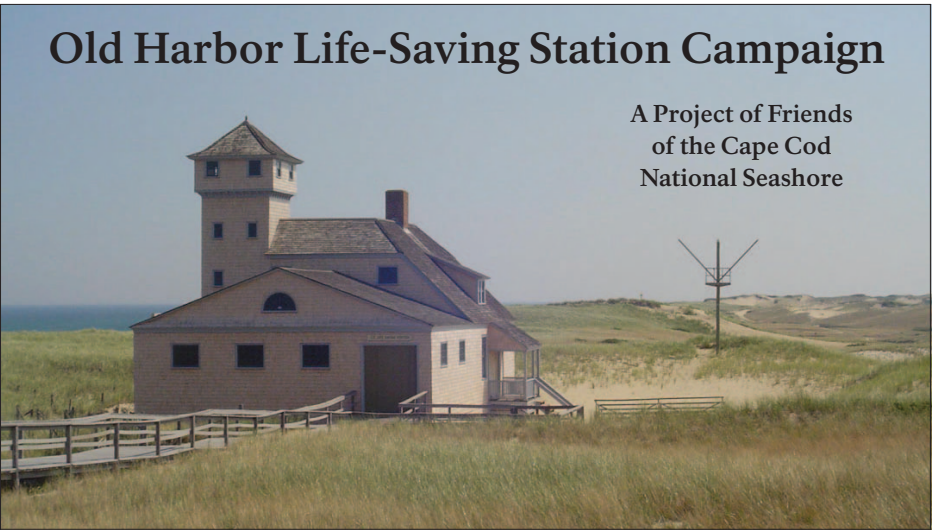


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## Old Harbor Life-Saving Station Campaign

**A Project of Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore**



Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore is raising funds for exhibits and furnishings that will enhance the visitor experience at the recently-rehabilitated Old Harbor Life-Saving Station at Race Point Beach in Provincetown. The goal is to introduce visitors to Cape Cod's rich maritime history, and the exciting chapter represented by Old Harbor Life-Saving Station.

**Friends Annual Meeting, Wednesday, July 20, 2011**  
**7 PM, Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham**

**A presentation by Scott Landry, Director of the Marine Entanglement Response Team of the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies follows.**  
**"Whale Disentanglement: Up Close and Personal"**

*Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore* is a non profit organization of dedicated individuals who have a special love and respect for this spectacular national park. The *Friends* mission supports the educational, environmental, historical, recreational, and scientific purposes of the seashore. Among its many activities are maintaining several public hiking trails, assisting with conservation projects, preserving historic structures, and providing recreational summer programs.

**Join our many members who enjoy a special and caring relationship with the Cape Cod National Seashore.**  
**Visit us at [www.fccns.org](http://www.fccns.org)**



## Local Area Information

### Chambers of Commerce:

#### Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce:

Website: [www.capecodchamber.org](http://www.capecodchamber.org)  
Email: [info@capecodchamber.org](mailto:info@capecodchamber.org)  
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#### Chatham:

Website: [www.chathaminfo.com](http://www.chathaminfo.com)  
Email: [chamber@chathaminfo.com](mailto:chamber@chathaminfo.com)  
Phone: 1-800-715-5567  
Info Booth: 508-945-5199

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Phone: 508-487-3424

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Arnold's, Provincetown 508-487-0844  
Gale Force, Provincetown 508-487-4849  
General Store, So. Wellfleet 508-349-2335  
Idle Times, Eastham 508-255-8281  
Idle Times, Wellfleet 508-349-9161  
Little Capistrano, Eastham 508-255-6515  
Provincetown Bikes 508-487-8735



### Whale Watching in Provincetown:

Dolphin Fleet 800-826-9300



### Dune Tours in Provincetown:

Art's Dune Tours 508-487-1950

### Outer Cape Campgrounds, RV Parks, State Parks:

Atlantic Oaks, Eastham 508-255-1437  
Maurice's, So. Wellfleet 508-349-2029  
Paine's, So. Wellfleet 508-349-3007  
Horton's, No. Truro 508-487-1220  
North of Highland, No. Truro 508-487-1191  
No. Truro Camping, No. Truro 508-487-1847  
Dune's Edge, Provincetown 508-487-9815  
Coastal Acres, Provincetown 508-487-1700  
Nickerson State Park, Brewster 508-896-3491